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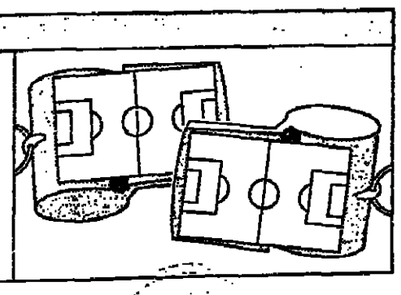
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Public pay is held to rate of inflation

Teachers and nurses attack deal as 'stingy'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Pay increases to one and a quarter million public servants of around or under the present inflation rate and below the average level of pay settlements were announced by the Government yesterday.

Simultaneously it reaffirmed its central economic aim of restraining inflation.

Britain's 489,000 nurses and midwives are to get increases from April 1 averaging 6.8 per cent, teachers are to get 6 per cent and members of the armed forces 6.8 per cent.

Judges, senior Civil Servants and senior military officers, whose pay is covered by the Top Salaries Review Body, will get an average of 6.5 per cent.

Doctors and dentists get rises in excess of the rate of inflation, with increases averaging 8.2 per cent.

The awards, which will cost £1.5 billion, were attacked by unions and opposition politicians last night.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said they amounted to a pay cut for nurses and teachers, and did nothing to deal with the shortages of specialist nurses and teachers in key subjects such as mathematics.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour spokesman on education, said that this "imposed settlement" was a prescription for a worsening teacher supply crisis.

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary designate of the National Union of Teachers, called the rises "totally inadequate". He said they would not solve the problem of teacher recruitment and shortages.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said it was a "stingy" award calculated to "degrade, demoralize and devalue" nursing staff.

With today's inflation figure expected to be announced as over 7 per cent, the highest for four years, the Cabinet had its customary pre-Budget discussion on the economy, as well as approving the pay awards.

Ministers agreed, very much with the Budget in mind, that economic policy should remain prudent and cautious.

Government sources emphasized that the average pay awards for the public sector were well below the 8.75 per cent level for wage settlements generally.

In the Commons Mrs Margaret Thatcher reiterated – to Labour derision – the Government's objective of attaining zero inflation.

Under the teachers' award heads and deputies will get about 7.5 per cent to reward excellence and extra responsibility; most secondary school heads will get about £2,000 more next year.

The Government is to fund the bulk of the additional health service costs, but health authorities will be required to find £44 million by cutting bureaucracy and increasing efficiency.

The National Association of Health Authorities said some would find it difficult to generate extra savings to fund the balance.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health, called the awards "unfair to district health authorities, unfair to nurses and unfair to patients".

The teachers' award will cost £470 million; the armed forces award £272 million; the nurses' award £420 million; the doctors' award £312 million; and the top salaries award £6 million.

The Goverment rejected the doctors' review body's proposal for an extra increase in consultants' maximum pay and distinction awards. It said instead that its recent decision to create 100 new consultant posts was the best way of improving long-term career prospects of hospital doctors.

The doctors' award responds to the recent controversy over excessive hours worked by junior hospital doctors.

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Portfolio Bond

- There are hundreds of cash prizes totalling more than £60,000 a week to be won in the new Portfolio Bond competition, which starts in *The Times* on Monday.
- Portfolio Bond cards will appear in *The Sunday Times* and *The Times* on Sunday and Monday. Demand is heavy, so readers should order their copies now.
- Portfolio Bond offers three ways of winning.
- There is a £2,000 daily prize, based on your individual portfolios. *Pre-selected* portfolios, printed on the new Portfolio Bond cards, will start *the game.*
- Readers will also be able to test their stock market skills by submitting a personally-selected share portfolio.
- In addition, there are hundreds of prizes, ranging from £10 to £1,000, to be won with the redeemable bond numbers printed *on each card.* A list of winning numbers will be printed daily.
- There was one winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio prize (see page 3). Today's game: page 29

For Rushdie's wife, a tense visit home

JOHN CHAPMAN



Mr Salman Rushdie's wife leaving their north London home with personal belongings yesterday.

Howe hits at Iran threats

By Andrew McEwen

Britain yesterday shelved plans to establish normal relations with Iran and made a strong protest against Ayatollah Khomeini's order that Mr Salman Rushdie, the novelist, should be killed.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said that relations with Iran would be impossible if it "failed to respect international standards of behaviour".

Thirteen diplomats who were to have been sent to Tehran soon will remain at home. But the British Embassy in Tehran will not be closed, and the Foreign Office said it had no plans to withdraw the three diplomats and four other staff already there.

The anger aroused in the Islamic world by Mr Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses* continued to spread. Pakistan lodged protests against the book with both Britain and the United States and demanded that the novel should be banned.

Security was stepped up at airports in India and at Heathrow after a threat to bomb British Airways flights. The threat was telephoned to an Indian news agency in Bombay, where Mr Rushdie lived as a child.

Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, said in Montreal that his officials in London were in touch both with British Airways and the security services to evaluate the threat. "We are taking it exuremely seriously," he said.

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'Pulp book to save lives'

By Andrew Morgan

Roald Dahl, one of Penguin Books' best-selling authors who once had police protection after receiving death threats, last night called on the publisher to withdraw *The Satanic Verses* and pulp all other copies "to save lives".

He said: "If the lives of the author and the senior editor in New York are at stake, then it is better to give in on a moral question when you are dealing with fanatics.

"If I were Salman Rushdie, then for the sake of everybody threatened I would agree to throw the bloody thing away. It would save lives."

Four years ago, Mr Dahl was given a police bodyguard at his Buckinghamshire home after death threats from Jewish factions. He had criticized the Israeli bombing of Beirut in 1982.

Mr Tariq Ali, Mr Rushdie's close friend, said he felt "90 per cent certain" that a murder attempt would be made and believed the only solution was for him to vanish and start life again with a new identity.

Iran has banned all Viking-Penguin books from entering the country. All those on shelves will be confiscated.

Pakistan has asked for the withdrawal of *The Satanic Verses* and a failure is almost certain to result in Viking and Penguin books being banned. Viking declined to calculate the levels of financial loss.

Meanwhile, the UK Action Committee on Islamic Affairs said that Mr Khuswant Singh, Viking's India editorial adviser, had warned the company last October that the contents of the book were "lethal" and suggested it should not be published.

Mr Iqbal Sacranie, the committee's convenor, said: "Viking disregarded the advice because they realized that its controversy would mean high sales."

The publicity has ensured even better sales for *The Satanic Verses.*

The Bookseller, the trade magazine, will report today that the novel is the best-selling hardback fiction for the fourth week with estimated sales of 2,000 a week.

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Doctor in kidney dispute resigns

By David Sapsted

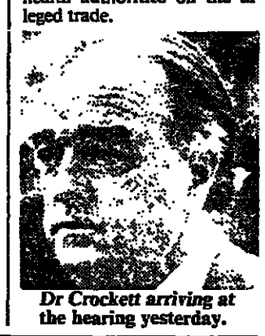
Dr Raymond Crockett, the Harley Street nephrologist being investigated by the General Medical Council over allegations of a trade in kidneys, resigned last night as medical director of the National Kidney Centre.

He tendered six months' notice at a meeting in London of the trustees of the centre, a Finchley dialysis clinic which is run as a charity.

Mr John Cyster, chairman of the trustees, said afterwards: "Dr Crockett has indicated that the running of the centre, which he has undertaken for the past 11 years, has become a burden and accordingly has offered six months' notice to terminate his contract as medical director, starting today."

The trustees said Dr Crockett had assured them that he had not been involved in an alleged trade in kidneys, involving Turks brought to this country last year to sell their organs to private patients; that he had not authorized the placing of an Arab newspaper advertisement, discovered by *The Times* last week, offering kidney transplants at the Finchley centre; and that he had not authorised the placement in an Egyptian newspaper of an advertisement, which included his name and phone number, offering up to £10,000 to kidney donors.

Miss Harriet Harman, Labour health spokesman, yesterday called on the Government to publish in full the three reports compiled by health authorities on the alleged trade.



Dr Crockett arriving at the hearing yesterday.

Sky wins live rights to Tyson-Bruno title bout

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Sky, the new satellite television company, yesterday won its High Court battle against ITV to exclusive live coverage in Britain of the world heavyweight boxing championship between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno.

More than 300,000 people on mainland Britain will be able to see the bout to be shown at 3am (London time) on February 26 through either satellite or cable television. Up to 100,000 people will see the fight at 30 closed circuit television venues. The BBC is to show a film of the bout later that day.

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Blacks disown Mrs Mandela

Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, was disowned by South Africa's black community yesterday after a gang of youths, acting as her bodyguard, was accused of waging a "reign of terror" in the Soweto township.

Meanwhile most of the 300 detainees held without trial under state of emergency laws yesterday ended a three-week hunger strike in response to a call from church leaders.

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Big cutbacks by Storehouse

Sir Terence Conran, founder and biggest shareholder in the Storehouse group, regretted yesterday that many of the tough cutbacks it announced yesterday should have taken place three years ago when Habitat-Mothercare merged with British Home Stores.

The cost-saving programme will cut several hundred jobs and will cost £48 million after write-down of stocks, computing systems and redundancies.

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Record fall puts jobless below 2m

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The number of people on unemployment benefits was reduced by almost 50,000 last month, the biggest cut in eight years, as the number of jobless fell below the psychological two million mark.

The Department of Employment said the the bigger-than-expected fall in the seasonally-adjusted figure of 49,300 was due partly to mild weather which accounted for fewer redundancies in the construction industry. However, the Government was confident the trend would continue.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said the figures represented an "important milestone" as unemployment had fallen for 30 consecutive months, the longest sustained fall since records began in 1948.

"The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate is down to seven per cent, representing a faster fall in the number out of work than in any major industrialized country. The UK has had the largest growth in jobs in the whole of the European Community."

The news was welcomed in

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Lockerbie bomb built into radio-cassette player

By Kerry Gill, Stewart Tendler and Harvey Elliott



The reconstructed Pan Am baggage container which held the bomb.

The explosive device which led to the deaths of 270 people in the Lockerbie air disaster last December was built into a radio-cassette player by terrorists, police confirmed yesterday.

Police now hope that forensic work on debris will eventually identify the passenger who carried the bomb on to the flight. The bomb was contained in a baggage container and believed to have come from Frankfurt where Pan Am flight 103 began.

Last night Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, told a conference in Montreal that he would "fully support" any airline refusing to carry radios on flights. Urgent discussions were under way with other delegates about other electrical equipment, such as lap-top computers, which cannot be fully inspected.

"One option could be to have them banned from hold luggage and only carried in the hand baggage of passengers," he said. "We have got to try to decide the best way out of this dilemma and whether passengers would sooner have their right to carry such things on to aircraft curtailed in the overall interests of safety."

Yesterday Scottish police refused to give any details about the device. Investigators, however, have been in close touch with West German police who uncovered a bomb concealed in a Toshiba radio-cassette player last autumn. The bomb, in the possession of a senior figure in Ahmed Jibril's hard-line Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, was undetectable by standard airport security.

A timer and a barometric pressure detonator were hidden inside the set. Three hundred grams of Semtex had been moulded and painted to look like the set's backplate and then screwed into place. If anyone checked the set they would find that the radio worked normally.

The bomb was found with Hafez Kassem Dalkamouni, based in Syria and a financial organizer for the organization. He is now facing charges of attacking US military targets in Germany.

Yesterday, Detective Chief Super-

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Drinkers shot in revenge attack

Republican gunmen responded violently yesterday to the "loyalist" killings in Northern Ireland by bursting into a Protestant club in East Belfast and opening fire. Five people were injured and one, a woman, is critically ill.

The Irish People's Liberation Organization, a splinter group of the Irish National Liberation Army, claimed responsibility. It said that the attack was in revenge for the killings of Mr Pat Finucane, the republican solicitor, and Mr John Davey, the Sinn Fein councillor.

The attack, at lunchtime yesterday, began with three gunmen hijacking a Land-Rover near the Divis flats in the Roman Catholic Falls Road. The gunmen drove it to the Orange Cross Club in Craven Street, off Protestant Shankill Road. The men ran into the club and started shooting. Drinkers dived for cover as bullets flew.

£20m home for Hallé

The Hallé orchestra is to get a £20 million new home in central Manchester, it was announced yesterday. Planners have earmarked a site, which is now a council-owned car park near the city's G-Mex centre, for a 2,500-seat concert hall, to be opened in 1992. The company previously rented Manchester's Free Trade Hall as its base. Mr Clive Smart, general manager of the Hallé Concerts Society, said: "At last the orchestra will have a building of international standing to match its own reputation". Cash is expected to come from private enterprise, central government and the EEC.

Patient 'was killed'

Police will question doctors and nurses to discover who altered a hospital chart prescribing a heart-slowing drug, Dixogin, after an inquest verdict yesterday of unlawful killing of a man aged 80, who died hours after being drip-fed a lethal overdose. Tests have disclosed the chart was altered after the death of Mr Bertram Birr, of Brookhurst Avenue, Bromborough, Wirral, who was recovering satisfactorily from an operation to remove his stomach and spleen at Clatterbridge Hospital in Merseyside. His widow plans to sue the Wirral health authority.

Murder case arrest

Detectives last night were questioning a man at an incident room in Wimbledon, south London, after he had been arrested in connection with the murder of Miss Lorraine Benson, aged 22, a photographer, whose naked body was discovered near Raynes Park station. Forensic evidence had shown that Miss Benson, of Woodside Park, South Norwood, had been strangled.

Outside caterers used

Environmental health officers from Westminster City Council have confirmed that outside caterers had been used at a function central London which led to an outbreak of food poisoning at the Savoy hotel. The food was brought in to the hotel for the event on Saturday, February 5, and now a questionnaire has been sent to about 100 people who reported becoming ill to establish exactly what they had eaten so that the specific food source can be identified.

Foreign Secretary criticizes threats from Iran

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Iranians living in the home town of Mr Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Iranian Speaker, were said to have pledged 200 million rials (about £1.6 million) after the announcement on Wednesday that an Iranian charity would pay a huge reward for the assassination of Mr Rushdie.

The British Government's reaction came after two days of near-silence while it waited for an Anglo-Iranian meeting to establish whether the Iranian Government supported Ayatollah Khomeini's threat.

When Mr Nicholas Browne, the British Chargé d'Affaires in Tehran, met a senior Iranian Foreign Ministry official, named by the Foreign Office only as Mr Moussavian, he received a nuanced answer.

Mr Moussavian said that desecrating the prophet had always been a crime more serious than murder, and Mr Rushdie would have to take responsibility. But he added that Ayatollah Khomeini had spoken in his capacity as a religious leader, not as head of the Iranian Government, and that his remarks should not affect relations between the two countries.

Mr Browne is understood to have put a telephone call through to London in time for yesterday's Cabinet meeting, at which the issue was discussed.

Soon afterwards the Iranian Chargé d'Affaires in London, Mr Mohammad Mehdi Akhoond Zadeh Basti, was summoned to the Foreign Office.

A spokesman said that Mr David Gore-Booth, Assistant Under-Secretary, protested "in the strongest terms" against Ayatollah Khomeini's statement, which he called "totally unacceptable".

Whitehall sources said that Mr Basti, like Mr Moussavian, sought to make a distinction between Ayatollah Khomeini's religious and political roles. He also said that the Iranian Government valued its relationship with Britain. As he left Mr Basti said: "I have said that this is not anything to do with the normalisation of the relationship".

Iran's conciliatory words were supported by two gestures. The Iranian Foreign Ministry gave assurances on the safety of the British diplomats in Tehran, and offered to allow British diplomats to visit Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held in Tehran, on March 7.

But there also a setback. Mr Moussavian was unable to explain remarks by two Iranian ministers who said that Mr Cooper's judicial process was completed and he would receive a heavy sentence. The Foreign Office, which is unaware of any trial, said: "The lack of explanation is unacceptable".

Sir Geoffrey Howe said later that the Government wanted to maintain a stable and serious relationship with Iran. But he added: "Such a relationship will not be possible while Iran fails to respect international standards of behaviour. We recognise that Moslems and others may have strong views about the contents of Mr Rushdie's book. However, nobody has the right to incite people to violence on British soil or against British citizens."

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, were united yesterday in their condemnation of Ayatollah Khomeini's threat.

Mrs Thatcher was said to view it with "considerable disapproval" and considered it an interference in Britain's internal affairs.

Mr Kinnock said: "I cannot comment on the literary merit or the spiritual issues relating to Rushdie's book, but it has to be said his expression of his civil right under the law in Britain to publish a book must not be the subject of threats or oppression."

The Labour leader said he thought the Government was doing what it could to remedy the situation.

Surprisingly, the matter was not raised at Prime Minister's Questions, but it is understood that no deal was made between the two front benches.

The Government's anxiety about inflaming matters was underlined by Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, who rejected a call for a Commons statement, indicating that he thought it unwise.

Mr Rushdie was still in hiding yesterday, but his wife returned to their home in London to collect belongings. The author remained under round-the-clock protection, while a uniformed policewoman stood guard outside the Kensington offices of Viking, his publisher.

The seriousness of the threat was underlined when even Iran's ambassador to the Vatican said he would be willing to carry out Ayatollah Khomeini's order. Mr Salman Ghaffari said: "I am a Muslim. And as such every Muslim is called on to carry out the sentence."

No time limits for Rushdie bodyguard from Scotland Yard

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard officers regard the threat against Salman Rushdie as so serious that no time limit has been set on protection for him.

Even as advisers to Mr Rushdie were debating calling in the police this week after the call by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini for his death the Yard had already decided he should have help.

He has been offered the services of the Special Branch, in spite of the strain on police resources.

The threat is regarded as more serious than one from the IRA and extremely difficult to deal with because of the unpredictability of Islamic fundamentalism. Officers have been permanently assigned to him and two armed detectives are with him at all times.

The best-selling novelist has now joined the select group of VIPs constantly guarded by armed detectives from the Special Branch protection unit. The number of protected figures is only around a score and the need for protection is always under scrutiny.

Former prime ministers and Ulster ministers may have to live with a guard for the rest of their days but it will be asked how long police should protect Mr Rushdie, who has not earned his danger by public-service.

When a gang was caught trying to kidnap Mr Umaru Dikko, the former Nigerian minister, police guarded him for three months and then were withdrawn.

The problem of what Mr Rushdie and police do about his protection in the long term is under debate at Scotland Yard.

If police decide eventually that the cost of protection is too high and the risk has diminished, Mr Rushdie could turn to one of the 10 or so companies which offer discreet personal protection.

One security expert yesterday estimated it could cost between £300 and £1,000 a day for protection from men with SAS or Royal Military Police backgrounds. Thousands of pounds may also have to be spent ensuring a home is secure, using alarm systems and closed circuit television.

Jurors, witnesses and supergrasses regularly get police protection but it is either of finite duration or the target completely changes his lifestyle and identity. The latter would be impossible for a public figure like Mr Rushdie, unless he decided to vanish.

One former intelligence officer said yesterday: "It is very difficult to see what Mr Rushdie is going to do. This is such a long-term, worldwide threat. It does not have to happen this week, in three months or in six months."

For the moment Mr Rushdie has been given 24 hour protection, which will mean a team of three or four officers, constant watch on wherever he is staying and protection for other members of his family if it is needed.

The protection will be constantly monitored by senior officers at the Yard and matched against the level of the threat.

The detectives will be on their guard for unusual cars near Mr Rushdie's home and strangers watching the house and vetting his public engagements. He will be urged to keep public engagements as unannounced as possible, varying his diary as much as possible.

Experts believe that the main problem could come initially from Iranian students in Britain, who might provide volunteers for an attack. Officers from the Special Branch keep a constant watch on extremist groups, reporting back to the Yard.

In a few months police may feel the worst of the threat has passed and by that stage Mr Rushdie will have to decide his future. One option could be to move to the United States, where personal security is at a much higher level. Many apartment blocks and hotels include armed guards.

Otherwise he may feel his best course is continue a normal if cautious life and hope the threat is forgotten.

Satanic Verses sold out

PETER TRIEVNOR



A display sign at Collet's in Charing Cross Road yesterday reflects the situation at most London bookshops: copies of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* are sold out after the order of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian religious leader, that the author should be killed.

Legal reforms debate

Government plans for reforming the legal profession, which are fuelling mounting opposition from the judges, will be debated at a one-day forum organized by *The Times* on March 15.

The forum, "The future of the legal profession", will look at the main issues in the Lord Chancellor's Green Papers, which envisage sweeping away the monopolies of the legal profession both in and outside the courts.

Speakers scheduled to appear include: the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, Bar chairman, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, chairman of the Takeovers Panel and past Bar chairman; Sir John Wickerson, past president of the Law Society, Mr Brandon Gough, senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, and Mr Mark Boleat, director general, Building Societies Association.

A full programme will be in *The Times* next Tuesday.

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Ambassadors told to stop publication

From Zahid Hussein, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Pakistan Government has asked Britain and the United States to stop the publication and sale of Salman Rushdie's controversial book, *The Satanic Verses*.

Mr John Barrington and Mr Robert Oakley, the British and American ambassadors to Pakistan, were summoned to the Pakistan Foreign Office yesterday and told of Pakistan's concern about the publication of Rushdie's book which has triggered widespread protests in Muslim countries.

The ambassadors were asked to take steps to discourage the future publication in their countries of similar books which might offend Muslim people. A Foreign Office spokesman in Islamabad said that Pakistan's parliament had asked the Pakistan ambassadors in Washington and London to step up pressure.

The ambassadors of Islamic countries were also called to the Pakistan Foreign Ministry to discuss a joint strategy to halt publication.

A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman said the campaign would be taken up at the next meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Countries, to be held in Riyadh on March 13. The spokesman said proposals for joint action would include a Muslim ban on books published by the publishers of *The Satanic Verses*, Penguin in Britain and Vikings in the US.

He said Pakistan's army was also exploring possibilities of legal action against the publishers. However, he conceded that the US Government could take no action against the book under its constitution.

Observers pointed out that if the Pakistan Government decided to ban publications by by the Penguin company, the autobiography of Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, which is being published by Hamish and Hamilton, a subsidiary of Penguin, would also have to be withdrawn.

According to a report in the Islamabad English daily, *The Muslim*, Mr Hugh Evans, of the British Embassy in Islamabad, had assured the Pakistan Government that Penguin had withdrawn all copies of the book in Britain.

● The Italian and Finnish publishers of *The Satanic Verses* pressed ahead with publication yesterday, while the French, Spanish and West German publishing companies revised their plans.

Scargill told to dismiss staff

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, was yesterday urged by his own treasurer to dismiss 46 union officials and staff to make savings of just over £1 million to avoid bankruptcy.

Mr Peter Heathfield, union treasurer and general secretary is trying to rush through the redundancies by June. He has written a confidential report, which he has submitted to the executive, which calls for "urgent steps" to "produce a viable solution to the union's problems in 1989".

It adds: "Failure to implement these proposals will mean a massively equal overdraft which the union cannot sustain."

The estimated £750,000 severance pay over a three year period could be met through the NUM's political fund — although the latest figures have not yet been produced it is understood to stand at over £1 million.

If the plan is implemented Mr Scargill would be forced to cut 16 of his 33 officials, saving £680,000, and 28 of his 115 staff, saving £374,000.

The union's membership has dropped from 224,800 in 1983 to below 100,000 last year. British Coal employs just 85,400 mineworkers at 93 pits but it is estimated that the NUM membership will dip to around 60,000 after the current wave of closures leaving 60 to 70 pits. In the past month 14 pits have been recommended for closure.

The streamlining, by June 1, would help pave the way for the proposed merger with the Transport and General Workers Union.

NUM members pay £1.39 a week and the annual subscriptions for the national office would amount to around £4.3 million for 60,000 members.

A special executive meeting has been called on March 1.

500 leave Irish army over pay

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

The Irish army has lost 500 officers and men since September in a wave of voluntary discharges to get higher wages as civilians.

The "desertions" come after a bitter year-long pay dispute in which army wives have regularly demonstrated outside the Dail, the Irish parliament, and in front of military barracks.

Senior and middle-rank officers have discussed setting up union-type associations within the army to try to force the government to improve a pay award which still leaves the Garda far better paid.

The Irish Defence Ministry says the number leaving the army since September is about average for the last two years. But army sources say that the discharges are fuelled by ill-feeling about pay and could increase dramatically in the next few months.

Already a further 192 men have applied for discharge, including 15 sergeants and 31 corporals, in spite of massive increases in the buy-out fees

Richmond by-election

Candidate on the defensive

From Richard Ford, Political Correspondent, Northallerton

The future of a small geriatric hospital yesterday forced the Conservative candidate in the Richmond by-election in North Yorkshire on to the defensive. He conceded many people were suspicious about the Government's plans for the National Health Service.

With emotions raised over the proposed closure of the hospital, Mr William Hague admitted that one of the sponsors on his nomination papers supported the closure plan. He appeared nervous when questioned about the role of Mrs Caroline Thornton-Berry, chairman of the local health authority, in the scheme to shut the 35-bed hospital at Bedale. She backs the plan which has aroused strong opposition and united the leading candidates in opposing the proposal.

Mr Hague said of Mrs Thornton-Berry: "We have our difference of opinion on this matter. It so happens that I disagree with her and think the hospital should remain open."

As Mr Hague toured a cattle market at Thirsk where he met criticism of government policy towards farmers, his opponents were exploiting the hospital issue, particularly as Mrs Thornton-Berry declined to attend a public meeting on the ground that it was a political occasion.

Mr Frank Robson, the Labour candidate, said it was strange that reason had been given when she had nominated the Conservative candidate.

A petition about the hospital has been signed by 4,000 people in the constituency.

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Independent inquiry into outbreak at hospital

Family doctors alerted over legionnaires' disease death

By Craig Seton

Hundreds of family doctors in the West Midlands have been advised to monitor patients recently treated at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, where two liver transplant patients contracted legionnaire's disease. One has since died.

The source of the outbreak was still unknown yesterday as officials at the teaching hospital, a leading regional liver transplant centre, sought to allay public anxiety by setting up an independent inquiry into the cause of the disease which, they said, was under control.

A team of medical experts is monitoring patients most at risk at the hospital, particularly transplant patients in the specialist liver wing, who have low resistance to infection.

Water supplies throughout the hospital have been treated, but operations and admissions are continuing. All the hospital's showers have been taken out of use to prevent the disease being spread in water vapour.

Both the patients who caught the disease had undergone liver transplant operations. The hospital said that one, a middle-aged man who was not named, died on January 29, although it was not until last Friday that it was confirmed he had been suffering from legionnaire's disease. However, officials said his death was due to causes not associated with the infection.

It was only when the second case involving an unidentified woman was confirmed on Wednesday that the hospital authorities decided to make the outbreak public.

They refused to say whether the woman was a liver transplant patient, although that was later confirmed by other sources. She is thought to be seriously ill, although the disease is not believed to be responsible for her condition.

Mr Tom Elliott, consultant bacteriologist and chairman of the control of infection committee, said: "It is almost certain that they contracted the disease while in hospital. The situation is under control. I would consider it not to be a serious problem for us at the moment.

"General practictioners whose patients have been discharged from the hospital since the beginning of January are being asked to contact the hospital if their patients show any signs of the disease."

Mr Elliott said that samples had been taken from patients and staff who might be at risk.

The 450-bed hospital does not have coooling towers, which are usually associated with the spread of the disease. When the disease was confirmed last Friday, hot water supplies were pasteurized and cold supplies chlorinated to kill off any infection.

It will not be known until next week whether the water supply was the source of the infection when the results of tests on samples of water taken before it was treated are known.

A senior hospital spokesman yesterday defended the decision of the authorities to withhold a public announcement about the disease for almost six days. He said: "Legionnaire's disease is an emotive subject. We took action straight away to make sure that the water supply was safe and there was no need to scare members of the public."

The independent inquiry into the outbreak will be conducted by a doctor, a bacteriologist and an engineer not connected with the hospital.

Both patients who contracted the disease had been transferred from two other hospitals, which have been ruled out as being involved in the outbreak. Staff were notified in a leaflet prepared by managers.

Water samples now undergoing analysis were taken from all parts of the hospital. Tests to establish whether they contain the legionella organism are expected to take about 10 days.

The worst outbreak of legionnaire's disease in Britain and one of the worst in the world occurred at Stafford General Hospital, Staffordshire, three years ago, when 29 people died.

Loan protesters take to streets

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

Thousands of university and further education college students boycotted classes and took to the streets yesterday in protest at the Government's plans to introduce student loans and abolish their rights to claim welfare benefits.

The National Union of Students said that at least 20 institutions closed yesterday as part of the union's "week of action" aimed at "raising the public's consciousness".

The largest demonstrations were in Scotland. About 5,000 students marched through Glasgow with placards depicting members of the Government as loan sharks while a further 4,000 marched in Edinburgh.

According to student leaders, feelings against the Government's proposals, which allow students to borrow £1,200 interest-free over three years while freezing their maintenance grant and abolishing their rights to housing benefits and income support, run particularly high in Scotland because the scheme does not account for four-year Scottish degrees.

"There is a real danger that students will be put off going to university all over the country by the loans proposals", Mr Benny McLaughlan, president of NUS Scotland, said.

The Association of University Teachers, which represents 30,000 academics who are themselves locked in a pay dispute with vice-chancellors, co-operated with student union plans for strikes in most universities and colleges and agreed to reschedule classes.

At Cambridge University about eight out of ten students walked out of lectures and an estimated 1,500 marched from Fitzwilliam College to the centre of the city. Students in Oxford decided against cutting classes but marched through the city.

Manchester University students lobbied MPs, seeking to raise Conservative backbench support for their anti-loans campaign; others distributed leaflets outside the Department of Education and Science in south London (according to Mr Kenneth Baker, they contained several spelling errors).

The universities of Leeds, Hull, Southampton, Aberdeen, and Sussex all closed while marches, rallies or occupations of property were reported at other universities.

Mr Mark Grayling, spokesman for the East Midlands branch of the NUS, said that Nottingham University was "at a standstill" and that a mock soup kitchen had been set up by students in Loughborough town centre.

Bristol University union organized a march through the city centre attended by about 600 students, and the university library was occupied.

Ten students were arrested when 150 students from Essex University staged a sit-down protest outside Colchester Town Hall.

The further education sector showed the strongest support for boycotting classes. Runshaw Technological College, Lancashire, as well as colleges of further education at Exeter, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and at Eastbourne, East Sussex, and Maidstone College of Art were silent yesterday.

NICK ROGERS



A student in Brighton town centre confronting a passer-by with a "loan shark" placard.

British Nissans may sell in Far East

By Kevin Eason
Motor Industry Correspondent

Nissan is studying a plan to export cars from its British plant to Taiwan.

Executives are considering a more important role for the Japanese company's successful site at Washington, near Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, as it reviews global production schedules.

The company has said that its aim is for the plant to produce 200,000 cars annually by 1992, with half for export to Europe. However, Nissan believes it could manufacture models for markets traditionally barred to Japanese car makers, such as Taiwan.

That may mean extending capacity at Washington, although there is no firm estimate of how many more cars would be needed. Nissan said a feasibility study was in the earliest stages, but confirmed that exports to the Far East were under discussion.

The Nissan study underlines the imagination of the Japanese in overcoming any trade barriers put in their path.

Japanese car makers fear Europe will become a closed market when trade barriers are broken down between the 12 European Community nations in 1992. But the £600 million Washington plant will be able to export 60,000 Micra models and 40,000 Bluebird mid-range models to the Continent within the EEC framework.

The Japanese are geared up for exports to Taiwan and Korea, which for years have blocked imports direct from Japan, by manufacturing from bases in the United States.

Clapham rail disaster

Crowding 'not factor in toll'

By Ruth Gledhill

Overcrowding has been ruled out as the cause of the high death toll in the Clapham rail disaster, British Rail said yesterday.

Nearly all the people killed in the crash were seated, it emerged yesterday at inquests into the deaths of 13 of the 35 passengers who died when one train collided with another.

Mr Andrew Prynne, counsel for British Rail, said after the hearings at Westminster Coroner's Court in Horseferry Road, central London, that most of those who were standing in the buffet car received minor injuries.

He said: "It does not seem to be a case where overcrowding was a cause of injury".

Most of those who died were sitting at the front or along the left side of the first carriage of the 6.14 am Poole-Waterloo train, which collided with a stationary Basingstoke train at Clapham Junction on December 12 last year.

Six of those who died were in the packed buffet car, which was the second carriage of the Poole train.

The wife of the driver of the Poole train, Mrs Susan Rolls, was at the court to hear how her husband John Rolls, aged 54, was thrown from his cab on to the embankment, where he died a few minutes later.

Of the 35 who died, 32 died instantly or a few moments after the crash. One died a few hours later in hospital, another died three days later and a third, died six weeks later from kidney and liver failure.

A number of passengers seated in the buffet car were crushed to death by tables as the wreckage deformed, the inquest heard.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, adjourned the inquest on 13 victims yesterday and on 22 from Wednesday until after the publication of the report of the public inquiry. The inquiry, headed by Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, begins on Monday.

Shots without warning

Police sergeant denies plot

By Mark Ellis

A police marksman described how he shot dead a gun-wielding robber without warning because he feared for the lives of his unarmed colleagues, an inquest at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Sergeant Kenneth Richardson said he fired three shots at Dennis Bergin, aged 26, as he tried to force his way into the Sir John Soane Museum in Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, central London, brandishing a .410 shotgun.

He said a warning such as "armed police" before any shot was fired was usually given to gunmen, but he had only time to shout "down, down".

Three unarmed policemen posing as museum staff were trying to stop the gunmen getting through the door in a police ambush of a £2 million art robbery in February 1987, but were losing the struggle.

Bergin, who posed as a motorcycle dispatch rider, was one of a six-man gang on the robbery, which was foiled after underworld tip-offs to police about the gang's plans.

The inquest is being held at the Central Criminal Court for the first time in its history for security reasons so that three of Bergin's accomplices, now serving long prison sentences, could be called to give evidence.

Sergeant Richardson, under cross-examination by Mr James Wood, representing Bergin's family, denied there was a police plot to shoot Bergin in cold blood. He said he did shout "armed police" before firing his third shot.

He told the inquest: "I am trained to stop the gunman by shooting at the largest part of his body, his chest. The words 'shoot to kill' are not part of police policy."

He said his third shot shattered the stock of Bergin's gun, which was unloaded.

It later emerged the accomplice behind Bergin was carrying a shiny cosh and not a firearm.

Last year five members of the gang, including the dead man's brother, George Bergin, aged 23, were jailed for a total of 55 years for their part in the raid.

The hearing continues today.

Survey of earnings

Actors on the poverty line

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The vast gap in earnings between millionaire stars of British stage and screen and struggling actors and actresses on the poverty line was exposed by an independent survey yesterday.

While the big names of television, cinema and the theatre are paid up to £700,000, most performers earned less than £5,000 during the last financial year. Typical earnings for the country's 41,000 professional artists worked out at £3,750.

Equity, the actors' union, commissioned the investigation into employment and earnings of performers; it was carried out by Dr Barry King, of Ealing College of Higher Education, west London.

Mr Peter Plouviez, the union's general secretary, said: "The figures are stark and dramatic. More than half our members earned less than £5,000. Almost three-quarters earned less than £10,000.

"Those figures, unemotionally stated, conceal the fact that beneath the superficial glitter and glamour of the industry in which our members work there is stark poverty facing a very large number of people".

Six of the 637 people questioned declared earnings of more than £50,000 between April 1987 and March 1988, with two receiving £700,000, and three earning £100,000, but 408 received unemployment benefit or income support during the same period.

More than three-quarters of Equity members depend solely on earnings from acting as their income, while 73 per cent of respondents had received formal training, either at drama and dance school or university and polytechnic.

● The BBC is being held up from screening repeats of television classics locked away in its archives because of opposing advice given by two barristers in the same set of chambers, it was disclosed yesterday.

One legal expert who specializes in copyright and performers' rights has advised Equity it cannot sign away the rights of actors who made the programmes. But his colleague says effectively that is nonsense and Equity is free to sign a deal with the corporation.

V&A staff split over director

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

A third trade union in the Victoria and Albert Museum has called for the resignation of the museum's director.

The Civil and Public Services Association, which represents clerical and secretarial staff, passed two resolutions. It recognized "the need for some change" but opposed the methods of Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, the director.

The second echoed the resignation call from the First Division Association, representing curators, and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants.

However, members of the museum's biggest union, the National Union of Public and Civil Servants, which represents security staff, messengers and craftsmen, are supporting the director. They believe she is a victim of revenue cuts and instead criticize the Government.

"Our members deplore the actions of certain factions who are attacking the director through the press", a spokesman for the union's V&A members said.

Meanwhile hundreds of readers have responded to an advertisement placed in this newspaper yesterday urging the public to save the museum.

"Ordinary people have been calling in all day to pledge money and register their outrage", Dr Dorothea McEwen of the campaign said.

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Portfolio

An actor working as a dispatch rider is the sole winner of the £4,000 Portfolio prize and plans to share the windfall with a neighbour whose card he has been checking for the past two years.

Mr Aaron Shirley, aged 34, of Edithna Street, Stockwell, south-west London, who is married and has two daughters, said the money would be useful to them. He said it would be split with Mr Tony Whitfield, a neighbour.

Chatline bills to stand

By Richard Thomson

British Telecom warned yesterday that thousands of families who had run up huge bills on telephone chatlines will not be let off.

Mr Graeme Odgers, group managing director, said: "We are being sympathetically helpful to customers in difficulties, but it is in no one's interests to forgive debts".

The chatlines were stopped earlier this month after complaints that some customers had been tempted to run up massive bills. A youth in Liverpool landed his mother with a telephone bill of more than £6,000.

British Telecom is introducing a new compensation scheme on April 1 under which customers will be paid £5 a day when it is late with repairs or installation.

Residential customers will be able to claim up to £1,000, while businesses can claim £5,000 per line up to a maximum of £20,000.

Compensation will be paid only when the delay is the company's fault.

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Freedman wins libel award and costs



Mr Louis Freedman, the racehorse owner, was awarded substantial libel damages and an estimated £300,000 costs in the High Court yesterday over newspaper allegations that he helped Lester Piggott to cheat the Inland Revenue.

The property millionaire, aged 72, who claimed the newspaper reports so sickened him that he almost gave up his life-long passion for racing, said: "I am delighted with the result".

In 1987 when Mr Piggott was jailed for a £3 million tax fraud, *The People* claimed Mr Freedman was part of a conspiracy of "rich and powerful" men who made secret cash payments to the jockey. But yesterday, four days into a libel hearing, the newspaper agreed there was not a "shred of truth" in the claims and agreed to pay undisclosed damages with "sincere apologies".

Mr Freedman, who owns the Cliveden Stud, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, had sued *The People* publishers, Mirror Group Newspapers, Brian Radford and Alan Ridout, its reporters, and Ernest Burrington, its former editor.

He brought another action against Mr Radford for comments made on Channel 4's *After Dark* discussion programme. They had all denied libel but agreed to pay the damages and costs.

● Mr Abdul Shamji, a businessman, won "substantial" libel damages over a report connecting him to the multi-million pound Knightsbridge safe deposit theft. An article in *The Observer* in July 1987 headed "Shamji owned raid vaults", said detectives investigating the raid were expected to interview him. The newspaper and Mr Donald Trelford, its editor, now accepted any suggestion linking Mr Shamji to the raid would be wholly unfounded.

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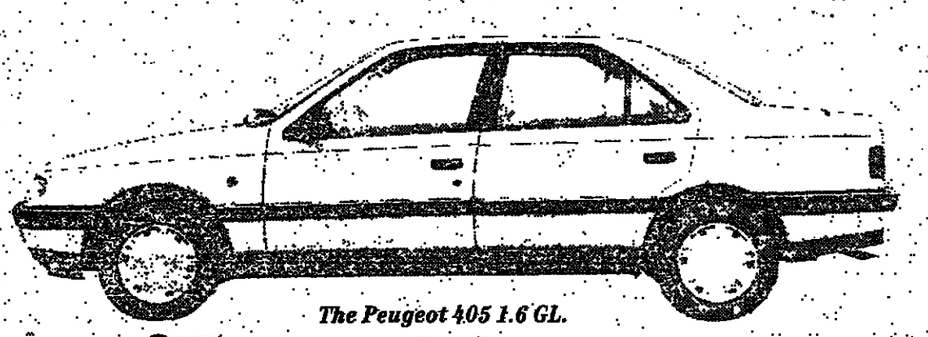
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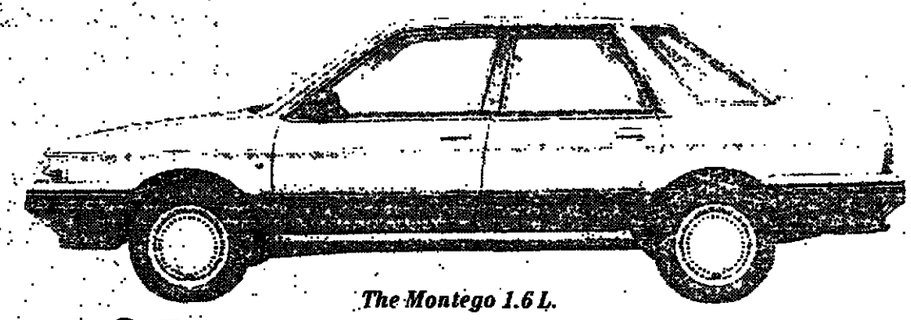
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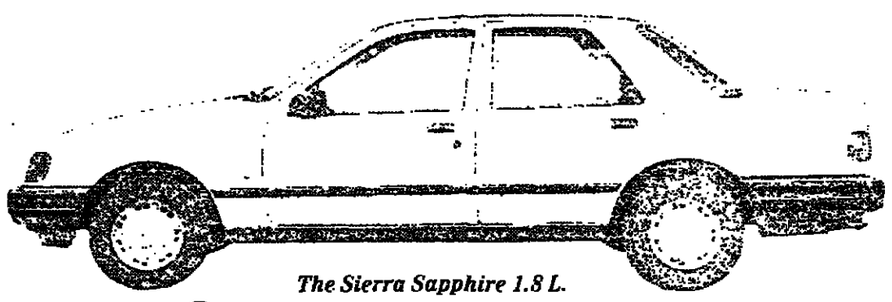
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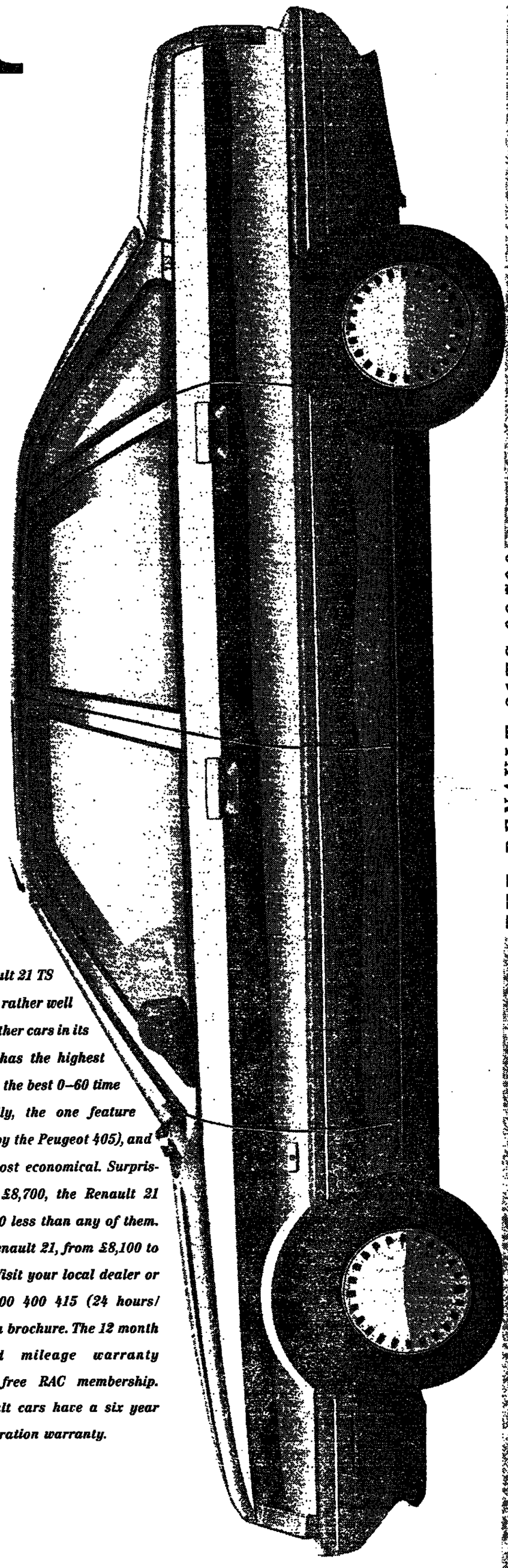
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Top salaries review gives doctors 8.2%, nurses and soldiers 6.8%, judges 6.5% and teachers 6%

NHS to find £44m from cost savings

Health authorities will have to find £44 million to help fund next year's £785 million pay award for nurses and doctors, the Government announced yesterday.

It has also refused to implement in full the recommendations of the doctors and dentists' review body.

Both moves were immediately condemned by the British Medical Association, which accused the Government of "plundering health authorities", and health service unions who also attacked the "stingy" pay rises for nurses.

Britain's 500,000 nurses and midwives are to get pay rises averaging 6.8 per cent, doctors and dentists will get increases averaging 8.2 per cent, and the professions allied to medicine 7.7 per cent.

The Government has approved a recommendation that the rate for junior hospital doctors and dentists should be doubled for on call and stand-by duties where contracted hours exceed 96 a week.

Health authorities have been funded for only a 5 per cent increase in pay for all groups of National Health Service staff in their 1989/90 allocations. Yesterday Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said that the Government would provide an extra £204 million towards the costs of all the awards.

Health authorities will get an extra £142 million for hospital and community services and an extra £62 million will be allocated to family practitioner services. However, Mr Clarke said that authorities would be expected to find £44 million out of efficiency programmes. "This modest sum is only about a quarter of 1 per cent of their gross current expenditure."

HOSPITAL SALARIES

	1988-89 £	1989-90 £
House officer	9,520-10,740	10,280-11,600
Senior House officer	11,870-14,270	12,820-16,280
Registrar	13,470-16,330	14,545-17,635
Senior Registrar	15,510-19,610	16,750-21,175
Consultant	27,500-35,500	29,700-39,340
Senior hospital medical and dental officer	27,780	30,000
Associate specialist	16,470-27,780	17,780
Community clinical dental staff		
Dental officers	13,530-19,870	14,610-21,465
Senior dental officer	19,870-26,870	21,465-29,025
Community dental staff		
Trainee in community dental health	15,510-19,610	16,750-21,175
Assistant district dental officer	22,000-28,400	23,755-30,675
Community medicine staff		
Trainee in community medicine	13,470-19,610	14,545-21,175
Community medicine specialist (of consultant status)	27,500-35,500	29,700-39,340
Interim appointments to community medicine specialist posts	20,250-29,980	21,875-32,375
Community health staff		
Clinical medical officer	14,200-19,730	15,330-21,315
Senior clinical medical officer	20,250-29,070	21,870-31,390

27% increase for immigration judges

Judges have been awarded a 5 per cent pay rise, lower than the rate of inflation, by the Top Salaries Review Body.

The only exception is immigration adjudicators who hear immigration appeals, who were not fully upgraded when they came under the review for the first time last year. They get a 27 per cent increase.

New salary scales, with the 1988 award in parentheses, are:

£89,500 (£85,250)
Lord Chief Justice

£82,700 (£78,750)
Lords of Appeal
Master of the Rolls
Lord President of the Court of Session
Lord Chief Justice

£79,500 (£75,750)
Lord Justice Clerk
Lords Justices of Appeal
Inner House Judges of the Court of Session
Lord Justices of Appeal
President of the Family Division
Vice Chancellor

£72,000 (£68,500)
High Court Judges
Outer House Judges of the Court of Session
Puisne Judges

£62,700 (£59,700)
London Official Referees

£53,400 (£50,900)
Sheriffs Principal
Vice-Chancellor (County Palatine of Lancaster)
Senior Circuit Judges
Recorder of Liverpool
Recorder of Manchester
Recorder of Belfast
Chief Social Security Commissioners
Industrial Tribunal Presidents
Judge Advocate General
President, Social Security and Medical Appeal Tribunals
Chairman, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
Presidents, Land Tribunals

£48,100 (£45,800)
Circuit Judges
Sheriffs
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Immigration Adjudicators

Most senior officer gets the smallest rise

The £272 million pay award to the armed services will bring average rises of 6.8 per cent for soldiers, sailors and airmen and 6.4 per cent for the senior commanders.

One of the smallest increases, 5 per cent, goes to the most senior officer of all, Marshal of the Air Force Sir David Craig, who took over recently as Chief of the Defence Staff. His salary rises from £85,250 to £89,500.

Five per cent rises are also awarded to lieutenant generals and their equivalent in the other two services. The highest award is to major generals, who receive a 10.5 per cent increase, taking their salary from £39,000 to £43,100.

Captains, with their equivalent ranks – squadron leader in the RAF and lieutenant commander in the Royal Navy – receive higher increases than the majority, with an 8 per cent rise to £18,812.

The salaries of the services are compared each year by the Armed Forces Pay Review Board with equivalent civilian jobs. The MoD said yesterday that in the case of captains, it was decided that they needed an extra boost to their salaries this year.

The impact of the rises is slightly reduced by increased accommodation and food charges.

The award affects about 311,000 servicemen and women from the rank of brigadier downwards and 204 of the most senior oficers, ranging from field marshal to major general.

ARMY PAY

Rank	Apr '88 £	Apr '89 £
Brigadier	36,555	38,748
Colonel	33,726	35,748
Lt Colonel	29,247	30,999
Major	22,849	24,433
Captain	17,418	18,812
Lieutenant	13,136	14,056
2nd Lieutenant	9,030	9,662
University Cadet (3rd year)	7,099	7,453
Officer Cadet	6,336	6,782
Warrant Officer Class 1, Band 5	14,614	15,512
Warrant Officer Class 2, Band 5	13,742	14,626
Staff Sergeant, Band 5	13,742	14,626
Sergeant, Band 5	12,228	13,082
Corporal, Band 2	11,195	11,990
Lance Corporal, Band 2	9,893	10,534
Private I, Band 2	8,625	9,224
Private IV, Band 1	5,705	6,063



Lord Donaldson of Lymington, whose pay rises from £78,750 to £82,700; Sir Peter Middleton, who will now receive £83,750 (£79,750) and Marshal of the Air Force Sir David Craig, whose salary increases by 5 per cent from £85,250 to £89,500.

Payments to tackle teacher shortage

Head teachers and their deputies, specialist teachers and those going to work in high-cost areas will be better off in the £470 million pay deal announced by the Government yesterday.

The overall 7.5 per cent pay increase will allow councils to pay salary increases to meet teacher shortages and to take into account the extra duties of heads and deputies under the Education Reform Act.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, originally told the Interim Advisory Committee on teachers' pay headed by Lord Chilver that it could spend £385 million.

TEACHERS' PAY

	1988-89	1989-90
Class teachers	£7,920 - 13,863	£8,394 - 14,694
Deputy heads	15,375 - 23,193	16,527 - 24,933
Head teachers	16,158 - 31,794	17,370 - 34,179

The extra £85 million comes from savings of about £30 million in teachers' pension payments announced last week with £50 million coming from local authorities.

The six teacher unions all complained that the increases were too little too late and would do nothing to solve the growing crisis in teacher recruitment into the 1990s.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's front bench education spokesman, said that he would be pressing for a full-scale House of Commons debate on teacher shortages.

Head teachers of small primary schools now receiving £16,158 a year will move up to £17,370 with their deputies going from £15,375 to £16,527; heads of the largest secondary schools will go from £31,794 to £34,179; their deputies from £23,193 to £24,933.

Classroom teachers will receive an extra 6 per cent; the newest teacher rising from £7,920 to £8,394, the most experienced from £13,863 to £14,694. The London allowance will be increased by 5.6 per cent.

In a lone voice of praise from the teacher unions, Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, said: "Kenneth Baker has scored a try for teachers, but a 6 per cent pay increase will only be enough if inflation is held at that figure".

Whitehall recruits causing concern

Mounting concern over the quality of recruits to Whitehall is expressed by the Review Body on Top Salaries, which says that only an "exceptional" need to restrain inflationary pressures prevented it making higher recommendations for the pay of senior Civil Servants.

Such restraint, it says, "must not be repeated regularly".

Using strong language, the review body expresses its anxiety that Whitehall is not ensuring a "sufficient supply of people with the necessary abilities and motivation to fill senior posts". It says that salaries further up the Civil Service have to be raised in order to give entrants an incentive to join and motivate officials lower down the ladder to stay on.

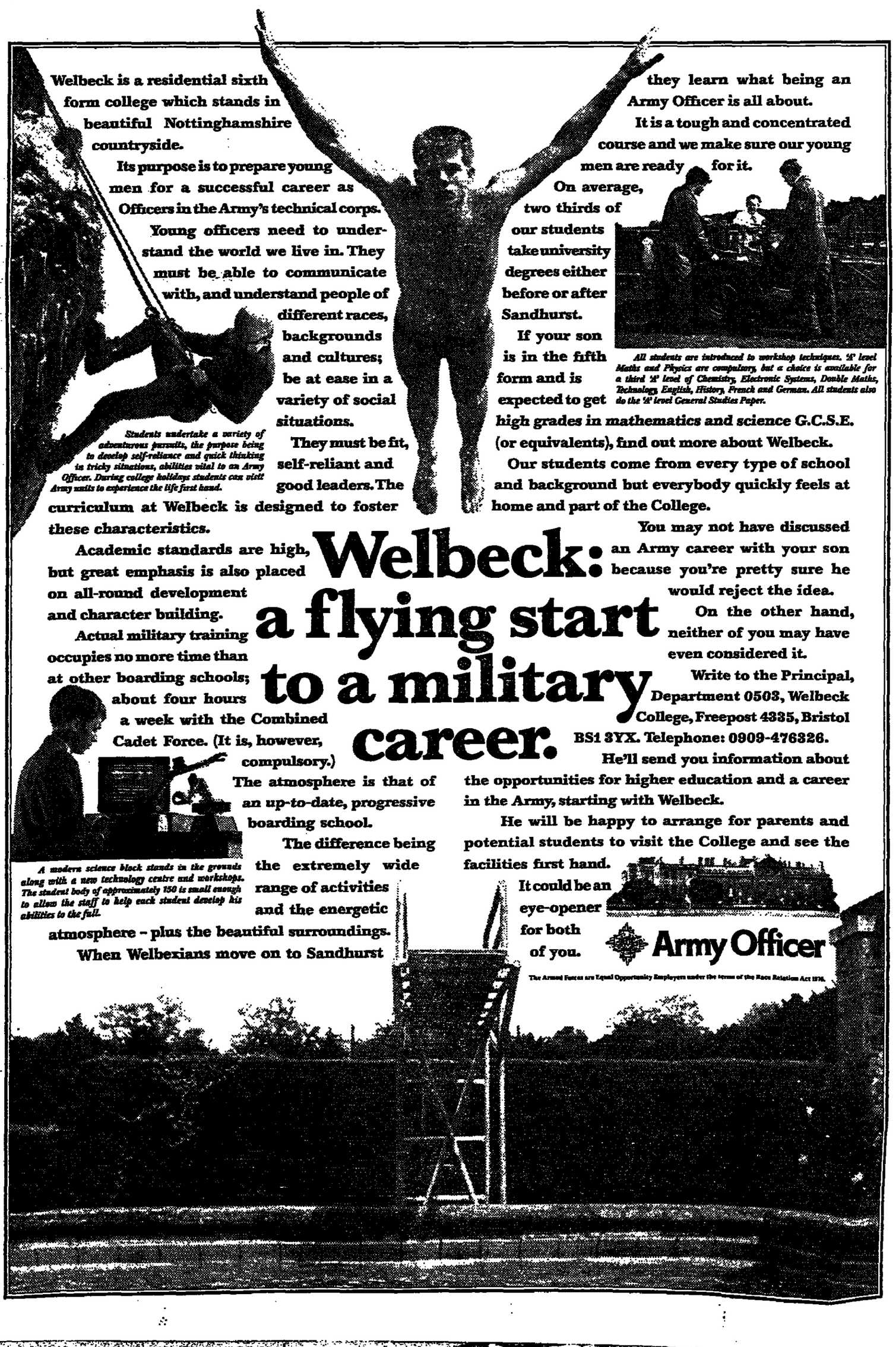
Basic payments to top officials are to increase by some 5 per cent. In addition, there are to be increases aimed at particular groups. For example, money is being set aside so deputy secretaries can be rewarded more on their performance.

A special London weighting of £2,000 is to be given to under-secretaries, restoring the position that existed until 1985, as a response to government fears that it is losing officials in that grade to better paid jobs in the private sector.

SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Recommended salaries as at April 1, 1989, + numbers in that post at December 31, 1988

Posts	Current £	April 1 £	No
Sir Robin Butler (Head of Civil Service and Cabinet Secretary)	85,250	89,500	
Sir Peter Middleton (Permanent Secretary, Treasury)	79,750	83,750	
Permanent Secretary Grade I	68,500	72,000	24
Permanent Secretary Grade IA	62,750	66,000	15
Deputy Secretary (Grade 2):			130
on promotion	45,800	48,100	
after one year's service	48,000	50,400	
discretionary:	50,600	53,100	
	53,800	56,500	
	57,000	59,800	
Under Secretary (Grade 3)			469
on promotion	35,800	37,600	
after one year	37,400	39,300	
after two years	39,000	40,900	
discretionary:	41,100	43,100	
	43,200	45,400	
	45,300	47,600	



More research cash for computers that imitate brain

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

The Government is about to announce substantial funding for research into computer science, including work on designing so-called "neural" computers which mimic the workings of the human mind.

The move, which emerged in London yesterday at an international conference on neurocomputing, is being seen as Britain's attempt to catch up with the US and Japan in technology which is likely to dominate the coming decades.

Neurocomputers are designed to carry out tasks, such as recognizing faces and exercising judgment in financial matters, which humans still do better than the fastest conventional computer.

That is because neurocomputers can solve many small problems at the same time, while conventional computers have to deal with one problem at a time.

The funding is to come from two separate sources. First, the Medical Research Council, the Science and Engineering Research Council and the Economic and Social Research Council are joining in a five-year, £12 million programme of research into how computers can help to unravel the mysteries of learning and of the brain.

Neurocomputers will be built to try to understand how children acquire language. Other research will look at how neurocomputers can directly help humans.

Scientists at University College, London are working on a revolutionary hearing aid which incorporates a simple, tiny neurocomputing microchip capable of recognizing speech and making it more intelligible.

Dr Megan Davies of the Medical Research Council, which is co-ordinating the programme, said yesterday: "All the research councils see this as an area which is of considerable academic interest and an obvious area for exploitation".

Universities and polytechnics have a month to apply for the first round of fundings.

Money is also to be provided by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Science and Engineering Research Council for a research programme on the construction of neurocomputers.

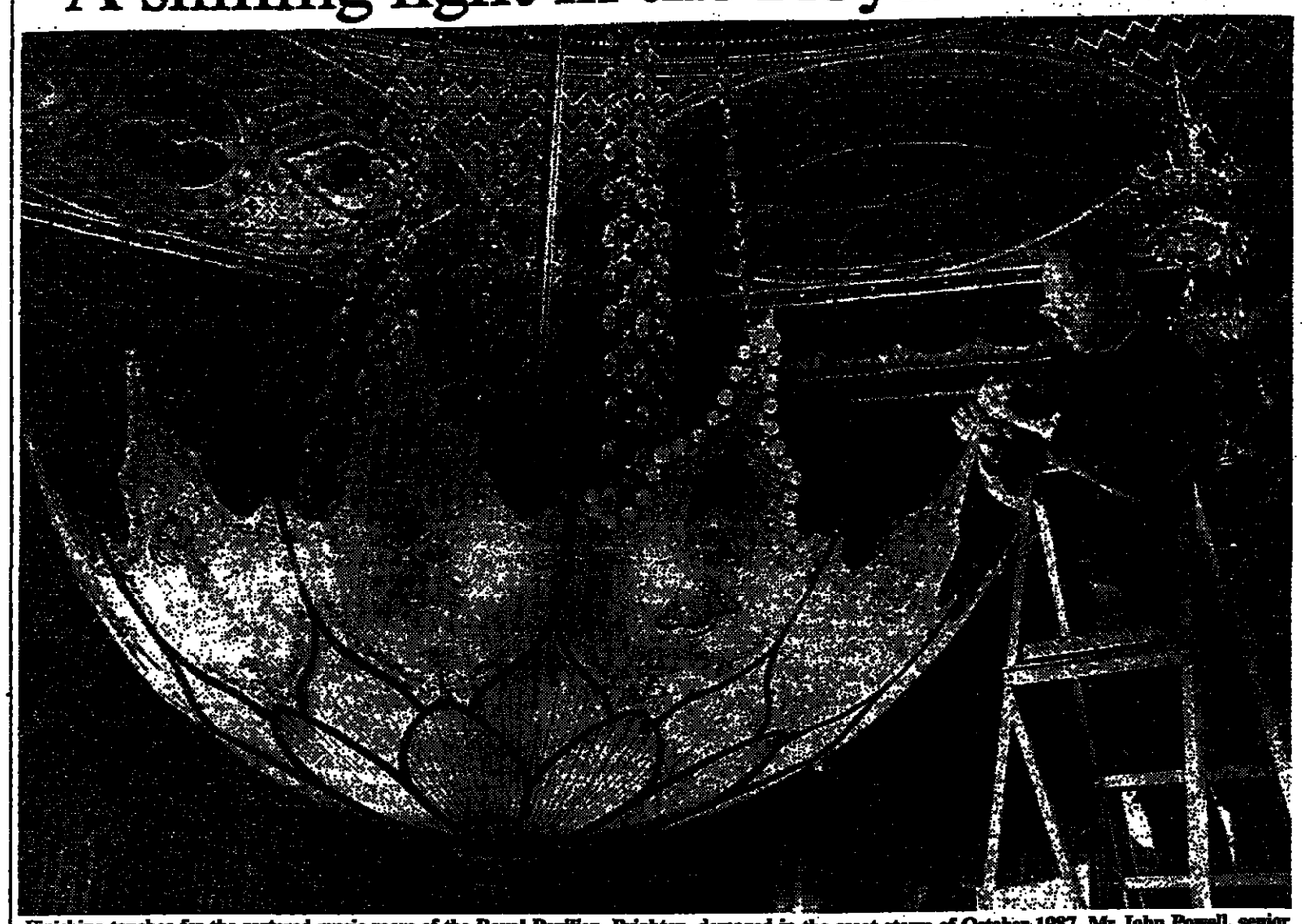
One project which has already benefited from department funding is a machine, built at Imperial College London, which can memorize different shapes and faces and pick them out from others in about 1/25th of a second. An early version is in commercial production.

The Department of Trade believes that British scientists can develop many more such machines able to compete with those from the US and Japan.

The conference was told that after years in the academic doldrums, neurocomputing is becoming a commercially viable technology in many fields, from diagnosing heart problems from cardiac measurements to predicting currency fluctuations. One American company is using a neurocomputer to make trading decisions on the New York Stock Exchange.

Neurocomputing Ltd, a small Winchester-based company, last night announced that it had become the first British company to sell such systems into the UK. A number of insurance companies are using the company's system.

A shining light in the Royal Pavilion

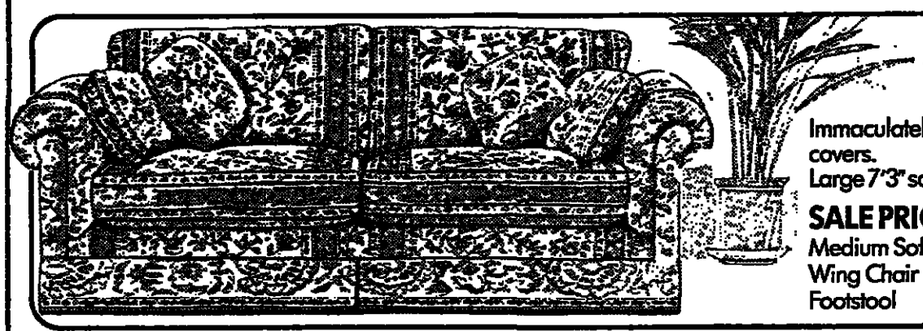


Finishing touches for the restored music room of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, damaged in the great storm of October 1987. Mr John Powell, senior conservation officer, fitting glass balls yesterday to a gasolier dating from 1820, the work of John Frederick Crace, the pavilion's chief decorative artist.

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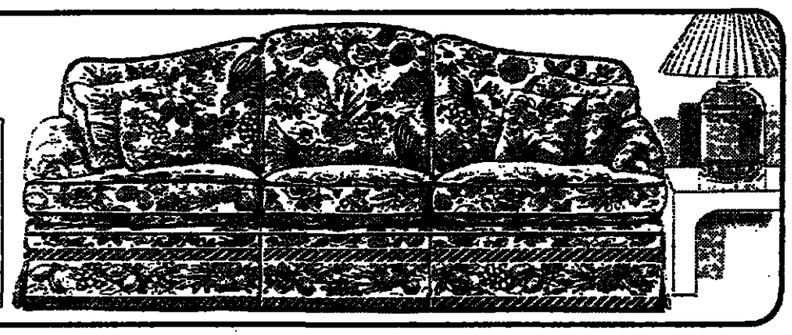
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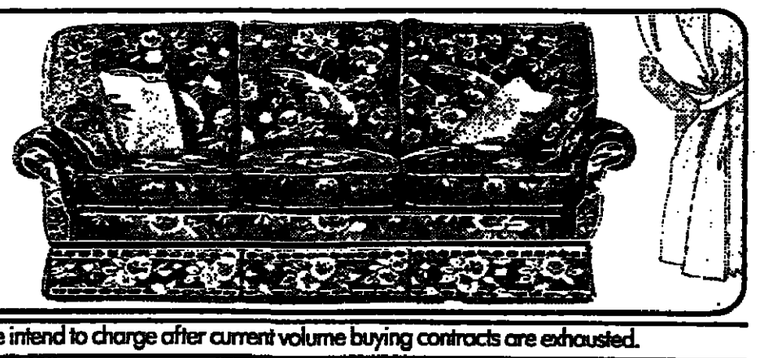
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Combating unemployment

Long-term jobless are crucial target

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Measures to combat long-term unemployment, described by the Government as the "crucial issue" now unemployment benefit figures had fallen below two million, were announced yesterday.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said: "There is no question of complacency. Long-term unemployment is the crucial issue as far as we are concerned."

More than 800,000 of the jobless, almost half the total number out of work, have been unemployed for a least one year; a further 250,000 have been out of work for more than five years.

In the next few months the Department of Employment will publish a report on the labour market in the West Midlands. Although the region has had the largest fall in people claiming unemployment benefit, 46 per cent have been out of work for more than a year, which is the highest percentage of long-term unemployed in mainland Britain.

The Government wants employers to play their part in reducing long-term unemployment by taking a more active role in recruiting people who have been out of work for more than a year. There will also be a further crackdown on benefit fraud.

A campaign from the beginning of April to increase equal opportunities will cost £1.3 million a year. It comes after a survey of the London labour market last year showed that ethnic minorities made up 30 per cent of long-term unemployed.

Mr Fowler hopes that those measures, and the Employment Training Programme, will eventually "bring those who have been out of work for six months or more back into the labour market".

However, although the minister yesterday announced that the number of people on employment training had risen by 18,000 to 145,000, the programme is still not growing fast enough to make significant inroads into long-term unemployment.

Mr Peter Ashby, director of the industry-backed Full Employment UK, yesterday called for employment training to be made compulsory while guaranteeing all trainees a job after two years. The group is also pressing for a net increase of £800 million in spending on the programme and a new "bridging sector" of temporary work and help in getting a job for people leaving employment training.

Mr Frank Field MP, trustee of the organization, said yesterday the Labour Party would have to "end the collective madness" of continually arguing against ET and instead "bite the bullet" of compulsion.

Mrs Molly Meacher, director of the charitable Action Trust, said the time was ripe for the Government to tackle long-term unemployment by extending the six months ET training to three years.

Mr Bill Mather, chief executive of Apex Trust, which is placing 2,500 ET entrants, urged the Government to concentrate resources on fewer recruits but over a longer period, after a survey showed the unemployed are more concerned with the quality of training than the £11 a week allowance.

Weekend food prices

Sirloin steaks and mince good buys

Whatever your choice of meat for the weekend shoppers are likely to get good value. Rib of beef on the bone at £1.76 a lb is 3p cheaper than last week.

However, in parts of the North and Midlands it could cost 9p less and even in the South-east that cut is down 4p on the average price. For those who like steak some of the supermarkets are selling sirloin from £2.99 a lb.

Tesco has special offers on its new range of steaks packaged with its own sachets of gourmet sauces. Sirloin steak Diane and Chasseur are both reduced from £4.89 to £3.99 a lb. In the same range rump steak au poivre is down from £3.99 to £2.99. The other good beef buys are standard mince, extra lean mince and braising steak.

Home-produced lamb is good and shoppers can find whole shoulder for as little as 68p a lb and whole leg at £1.48 a lb at some supermarkets. Average prices are £1.72 and 96p respectively.

At the butchers' pork loin chops should be cheaper, bringing the average price to £1.46 a lb. Boneless shoulder and rib chops are also down.

Safeway and Presto home-produced lamb leg is £1.48 a lb, whole shoulder 68p a lb and beef mince 99p. Asda fresh leg of pork is 89p a lb, fresh and frozen sirloin steak £2.99. At Littlewoods (selected stores only) frying steaks are £2.49 and boneless pork steaks £1.99; Dewhurst lean choice boneless port steaks are £2.49 and whole leg of English lamb is £1.89; and Sainsbury's English pork chops are £1.18.

Early forced rhubarb, raised in sheds in Yorkshire and picked by candlelight, is this week's star buy and costs between 30p-50p a lb. Cox apples are 35p-65p, but Spartans at 35p-40p are finishing soon. The selection of pears available are English, Dutch and Belgian Conference 25p-45p and Comic 50p-65p, US anjou 30p-60p and French Williams 45p-60p a lb.

Home-grown vegetables are all good and the selection is wide. Cabbages and greens cost between 14p-30p a lb, cauliflowers 30p-60p each and superb flat mushrooms 30p-50p a ½lb.

Salad ingredients in good supply are Iceberg lettuce at 50p-90p each and Spanish and Canary Island tomatoes at 55p-80p a lb. New season home-grown cucumbers are 80p-£1.15 each.

Safeway has launched a range of soups under "a la carte" label. They are carrot and orange, gazpacho, cream of smoke trout, asparagus and chicken and sweetcorn and cost between 49p-69p a can.

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Mitterrand friend to be charged over insider shares deal

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

One of President Mitterrand's closest friends is to face criminal charges over insider share dealings *just a few days* after the President came to his defence in an emotional speech on French television.

M Roger Pelat, a wealthy businessman, was formally charged yesterday in connection with a 1.5 million francs (£150,000) profit he allegedly made from stock market operations during what has come to be known as the Péchiney affair.

Yesterday's move follows an investigation by the Paris Stock Exchange's watchdog body which announced a week ago that serious breaches of insider trading regulations had occurred in the course of the state-owned Péchiney aluminium group's takeover of an American firm. M Pelat's name was among those mentioned as having benefited significantly from buying shares in advance of the deal, but the report of the Commission des Opérations de Bourse did not identify anyone as an insider trader.

After being summoned to the office of the investigating magistrate in charge of the Péchiney case, M Pelat declared that he was "astonished" by this new development. "The first time I was ever charged was by the Germans in 1940."

Four other people involved in the Péchiney investigations are also to face charges alongside M Pelat; among them a woman to whom he recommended the investment.

While M Mitterrand's position will not be seriously affected by the decision to charge his old friend, the timing is a distinct embarrassment. Only last Sunday, in a television appearance, he went out of his way to pay tribute to the integrity of the man he first met in a German prisoner of war camp.

At the same time, however, he carefully distanced himself from the growing speculation that M Pelat was caught up in the damaging financial scandal surrounding Péchiney.

"There has never been any event which would have permitted me to doubt him," M Mitterrand declared, wondering aloud why he should break off his friendship with a steadfast wartime comrade — and subsequent Resistance fighter following their escape — while M Pelat had not been accused of any misconduct. But justice must be seen to be done, and if M Pelat was to be convicted, their friendship would come to an end.

In evidence to the commission, M Pelat said that his share purchases were made on advice from a well-known Socialist financier, M Max Théret, whose own activities in the same shares had yielded a far more substantial profit. All told, M Pelat and various members of his family are said to have acquired 10,000 Péchiney shares. Their combined profit over a relatively short period of time was 2.2 million francs (£220,000).

In the light of yesterday's events, M Mitterrand may now conceivably be regretting the cloying language with which he had described M Pelat on television — "A man from a background of poverty ... mother worked in a laundry, a fine woman now 86 years old ... from being so poor he became rich, but not as a businessman but an industrialist." Last night the Elysée Palace was not available for comment.

Grim hunt for blast victims



Firemen in Toulon, France, searching for *victims in the rubble of a block of flats which* collapsed in an explosion, killing 13 people. Two children were among the dead.

Rescue teams who worked through the night in this Mediterranean port after the blast on Wednesday pulled out alive 36 people, three with critical injuries, but one person is still *missing, the mayor said yesterday* (AFP reports). Five of the 13 dead could be identified only by their clothes.

Investigators said the cause of the explosion would not be known until rescue work had ended, but some reports blamed gas.

UN send-off for pollution team's walk to the Pole

From Charles Bremner, New York

The United Nations yesterday gave an international send-off to Mr Robert Swan, the British explorer, and the seven-nation team he is leading on a walk to the North Pole next month.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, presented a flag that the expedition wants to plant at the pole after its 600-mile march, which is aimed largely at drawing attention to the damage being inflicted in the Arctic by man-made gases and acid rain.

"There's too much talk. What we are doing is action," said the 32-year-old explorer. Mr Swan, who made his name by walking to the South Pole in 1986, announced that the Soviet Union was planning to arrange equipment so he could broadcast live on television from the pole when the team arrived there in early May.

"That means people all over the world will be able to see our faces. They'll be burnt up and blistered because there is no ozone. Hopefully that will have some impact on people unless they are asleep," he said.

A Soviet doctor, Dr Mikhail Malachov, is taking part in the march, along with team members from the United States, Japan, Australia, Canada and West Germany. The Icewalk expedition, during which Mr Swan will report to *The Times* once a week, has turned into something of a race.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes is planning to set out next *month on his* third attempt to walk to the pole without any air-dropped supplies. He has made two previous attempts but never made it further than 100 miles from camp.

The Swan expedition is planning to receive supplies, but Mr Swan and his colleagues will take a decision shortly before setting out on whether to try to make an unsupplied attempt.

On March 10, they plan to set out after training at Iqaluit in Canada. Mr Swan aims to become the first man to make it to both ends of the planet on foot without depending on any form of transport, mechanical or animal.

Mr Rupert Summerson, the deputy leader, is to supervise the scientific work, which will examine the effects of the depletion of the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, acid rain and Arctic haze caused by the buildup of soot from industrial centres in Europe, Russia, Asia and America.

The team is to be airlifted off the North Pole once it arrives there.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Belgians oppose Nato 'litmus test'

Brussels — Deep divisions emerged yesterday between Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, and Mr James Baker, the United States Secretary of State, over the thorny issue of modernizing Nato's short-range nuclear missiles (Michael Dynes writes).

After a brief meeting with Mr Baker, Mr Martens confirmed Belgium's reluctance to endorse an alliance commitment to modernize the ageing Lance short-range nuclear missiles, before the alliance had hammered out a new overall policy on arms control.

Kidnap suspect held

Metz (Reuter) — A Yugoslav suspected of kidnapping the former Belgian Prime Minister, Mr Paul Vanden Boeynants, was charged with theft and possession of false documents by French police here yesterday. Justice officials said Basri Bajrami, aged 34, nicknamed Tosca and jailed in absentia in Belgium for armed robbery, was being held pending a ruling on extradition requests from Belgium. After his release Mr Vanden Boeynants said he thought that he had been held in France. Money found on Bajrami was being examined.

Namibia force accord

New York — The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously approved deployment of a reduced monitoring force in Namibia, paving the way for the territory's independence from South Africa (James Bone writes). The UN Transitional Assistance Group, which will be deployed by April 1, was cut to 4,650 troops from 7,500 after a bitter *dispute* between *non*-aligned nations and the big powers, which were trying to cut the cost of the operation. Under a compromise, the force can be increased to its original size if difficulties emerge in Namibia's transition to independence.

Umpire death charge

Wellington — A woman, described *as a self-employed* "dominatrix", was charged yesterday with the murder of the Bristol-born cricket umpire, Mr Peter Plumley-Walker, whose naked body, bound hand and foot, was found 200 miles from Auckland (Richard Long writes). Renee Melanie Chignall, aged 18, did not plead when she appeared in court.

North trial set to open

Washington — Mr Richard Thornburgh, the US Attorney General, has cleared the way for an early start to the trial of retired Marine Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide (Michael Binyon writes). He has asked the Supreme Court to lift the stay it granted the Justice Department on national security grounds.

Shura makes progress

Moderate group calls off boycott

Islamabad (Reuter) — A leading moderate party ended its boycott of the Mujahidin *shura* after Muslim fundamentalists proposed an interim government for Afghanistan, a spokesman said here.

Mr Zabihullah Mujadidi, son of the leader of the Afghan National Liberation Front, Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, said the proposal of a fundamentalist interim government under Mr Ahmad Shah was one *element* that decided the Front to end its boycott.

Front members said the group's absence over the issue of how many seats should be *given to eight* Tehran-based Shia rebel groups weakened the opposition to Mr Shah.

Mr Mujadidi said another reason for ending the boycott was the acceptance by fundamentalists in a seven-party Pakistan-based alliance of a commission to investigate the problem of the Tehran-based representation.

"This is a sensitive and delicate time, and we thought that we have fulfilled our responsibility by bringing the matter to the very, very wide attention of the Afghan people and the world," he said. "Our absence might lead to developments inside the *shura* that might not be healthy."

Although the end of the boycott apparently leaves the Tehran-based groups out in the cold, it is likely to please the Front's fellow-moderates in the Pakistan alliance.

● **KABUL:** Only 24 hours after the final Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan was yesterday facing a rapidly deteriorating security situation, with the imposition of a night curfew for the first time since 1987, and the death of seven people, including four children, in fresh daylight rocket attacks on Kabul (Christopher Walker writes).

The ominous sound of incoming rockets began soon after 3 pm. The first missile scored a direct hit on a minibus near the international airport, instantly killing the driver and two passengers. Five people were injured.

The second rocket fell in a crowded residential district in the north of the city, killing three children.

There were further harrowing scenes at the site of a third explosion nearby. A baby was killed and her mother, aged just 19, lost both her legs.

In all, between four and six rockets were fired in rapid succession after guerrilla warnings of increased attacks on the capital.

Shortages of flour in Kabul have now become so acute that bread queues in sub-zero temperatures often begin before dawn.

Electricity has also failed in the beleaguered capital, and much of the city is in darkness throughout the night.

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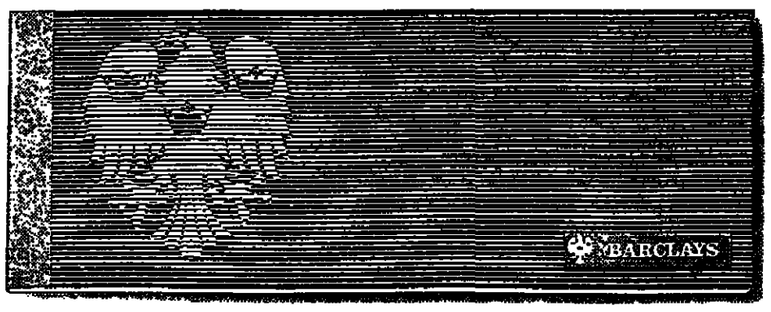
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Gorbachov rejects talk of coup and multi-party system

Moscow (Reuter) — President Gorbachov has dismissed speculation that he might be removed from power in a coup and his reform programme reversed. He said he was aware of Western speculation that he would not be leader for long, but said that *perestroika* did not depend on him alone, according to Soviet media reports.

In a speech to industrial workers on Tuesday, President Gorbachov also made one of his harshest condemnations yet of calls for a multi-party system in the Soviet Union — saying the idea was "rubbish".

He told a worker from Lithuania, who said some people in the republic favoured secession from the Soviet Union, that *perestroika* had allowed such people to speak out. "Let us be calm, but we must give them a firm rebuff," he said.

Mr Gorbachov said his own tenure of office was not an issue as far as reform was concerned. "If you listen to (Western) radio talk — it is no longer jammed — some say the longest we can give Gorbachov is one year," he said in remarks broadcast on Soviet television. "As if that were the issue. Until now they were trying to pin everything on one personality. Of course personalities are important, we need personnel ... But this is not the issue."

Mr Gorbachov continued: "The thing is, the policy of *perestroika* was adopted by the entire country. And people won't let everything be thrown to the wind. We have one more chance today and it will not be missed."

Pravda, which published the speech yesterday, left out Mr Gorbachov's remarks on several issues, including his statement about Western speculation that he had but one year left in office.

It appeared the newspaper had published a prepared text and failed to include his off-the-cuff remarks.

Mr Gorbachov condemned a multi-party system as "politically and theoretically unsound". The idea has been increasingly debated, especially in the Baltic states and Transcaucasia, where "popular front" groups have emerged as alternative forums to the Communist Party.

"The discussion is groundless. A party system, a multi-party system — two parties, three parties — it is all rubbish," the Soviet leader said. "All these attempts — one more party — at first one or two parties on class grounds, then 120 on national grounds, then international (grounds), all that is thrown at us by irresponsible people.

"Our (Communist) party has big possibilities. It has proven itself, it is a mature party," he said.

Industrial workers from around the country were present at the session, which was held at Central Committee headquarters. Some of the workers addressed the gathering, attended by nine of the 12 full Politburo members.

The Communist Party in Lithuania is facing an unprecedented challenge in next month's elections to the new Soviet Parliament from Sajudis, one of the mass political movements that have appeared in the Baltic republics.

Mr K. Ashmonas, the Lithuanian speaker, also said the republic planned to rewrite its Constitution this spring, without waiting for the rest of the country to finish amending the All-Union Soviet Constitution.

Christians battle for control of east Beirut



Red Cross workers walking among land mines on a road in Christian east Beirut yesterday as they evacuated casualties during a lull in fierce fighting between Lebanese army troops and Christian militiamen.

The battle raised fears of an all-out war as regular soldiers and the Lebanese Forces militia fought with artillery, mortars, rockets and machine guns in residential areas and towns to the east and north-east, security sources said (Reuter reports).

No casualty reports were immediately available. The fighting erupted in defiance of a day-old truce mediated by the Church to end two days of ferocious battles in which at least 50 people were killed and 110 wounded.

Many Lebanese feared that the battles, the most serious inter-Christian fighting since 1986, would lead to a fight to the finish between the two main power blocs in Christian areas to win exclusive control.

The Lebanese Army, in a statement calling on people in the Christian enclave to stay indoors, accused the militia of massing its forces and opening artillery fire on residential areas.

Local radio stations and residents said artillery shells landed in scores of streets, which were deserted after people fled for shelter. Civilians trapped in several areas issued appeals on militia-run radio stations to the army commander, Major-General Michel Aoun, who also heads one of Lebanon's two rival governments, to end the bloodshed.

Western diplomats had said the truce reached by the Maronite Christian Patriarch Butros Sfeir on Wednesday night opened up space for negotiations between General Aoun and the militia commander, Mr Samir Geagea. But they said the failure of any talks could lead to a final showdown between the two sides.

"Aoun represents the legitimate forces, so he cannot afford to lose to a militia," one diplomat said.

Diplomats and sources close to General Aoun said that he was demanding the withdrawal of the militiamen from Beirut and also wanted the militia to stop collecting taxes.

● American killed: An American woman, married to a Lebanese working in Washington, was shot dead in Syrian-policed north Lebanon, a friend said yesterday (AP reports). Gail Pascoe Harfoush, aged 38, was killed as she drove from Tripoli to Burj Akkar, where she was supervising the building of a family house.

The bankers and a marquesa

Spain thrills to boardroom fight

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A power struggle between rival bankers threatened yesterday to interfere with a merger which was expected to create the largest banking institution in Spain.

With the Bank of Spain, the country's official bank, about to give its formal opinion on the proposed merger between the Banco Español de Crédito (Banesto) and another big privately-owned bank, the Banco Central, a feud between the Banesto Chairman, Señor Mario Conde, and the Central's biggest shareholders, Señores Alberto Alcocer and Alberto Cortina, left the merger in doubt.

The Bank of Spain's approval, while not legally necessary, is essential for the deal, since approval would include transfer tax concessions without which the transaction would not be viable. The government is interested in the merger because it would create Spain's largest bank on a scale which would be more competitive for the 1992 open frontiers of finance.



Marquesa de Cubas: Tremor sent through banking world.

What seems to be holding the deal in abeyance is a struggle for the power that will go with running the biggest bank in Spanish history. A company controlled by Señores Cortina and Alcocer, two brothers-in-law known to the Spanish world of finance as "the Albertos", holds 13 per cent of the Banco Central, the largest holding. The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) is their partner in that company, Contratas y Construcciones.

The Albertos, who achieved their dominant position in the Central only last year, see that their relative share of the merged bank would be not be large enough to control it.

With the help of KIO, they have set about buying shares in Banesto in the expectation of increasing their combined financial weight in both organizations if they cannot stop the merger.

To that end they have also made a pact with the National Organization for the Blind (ONCE) to buy shares in the new bank which will result from the merger, over which The Albertos would have an exclusive purchase option.

A few weeks ago, five members of the Banesto board, whose votes are controlled by the Albertos, refused to approve the bank's balance sheet for the past year, as presented by Señor Conde. The books have still not been approved and the delay is blocking the merger. Such a delay favours the Albertos, allowing them time to improve their position.

Early this month the Governor of the Bank of Spain, Señor Mariano Rubio, put all parties on notice at a meeting that although the Government favours the merger and is willing to grant the essential tax relief, the Bank of Spain will not put its seal of approval on the fusion unless the confrontation between the auditors and Señor Conde ceases altogether.

Señor Conde, Banesto's free-wheeling "yuppie" chairman — who enjoyed a meteoric rise in the financial world to take over the Banesto leadership last year — has given some conservative bankers second thoughts about his handling of the bank.

In one such episode, which some bankers considered unnecessary, Señor Conde spent over 50 billion pesetas (£248 million), buying back control of five Banesto portfolio companies which, in turn, own Banesto shares. The idea was to prevent someone else from buying them and threatening his control.

An affair between Señor Alberto Cortina and a pretty young Spanish aristocrat, the Marquesa de Cubas, sent a shudder through the Spanish banking world when it was learnt that the sums Señor Cortina controlled were not his but the property of his estranged wife.

These fears were only laid to rest when Señor Alberto's wife offered public assurances last week that her private life and that of her husband would not have any effect on her investments.

Stronger refugees gave murder orders

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

An American court martial was told yesterday how Vietnamese on a crowded boat fought over food and water given to them by an American warship, ran out of supplies, then murdered three people and ate their flesh to ward off starvation.

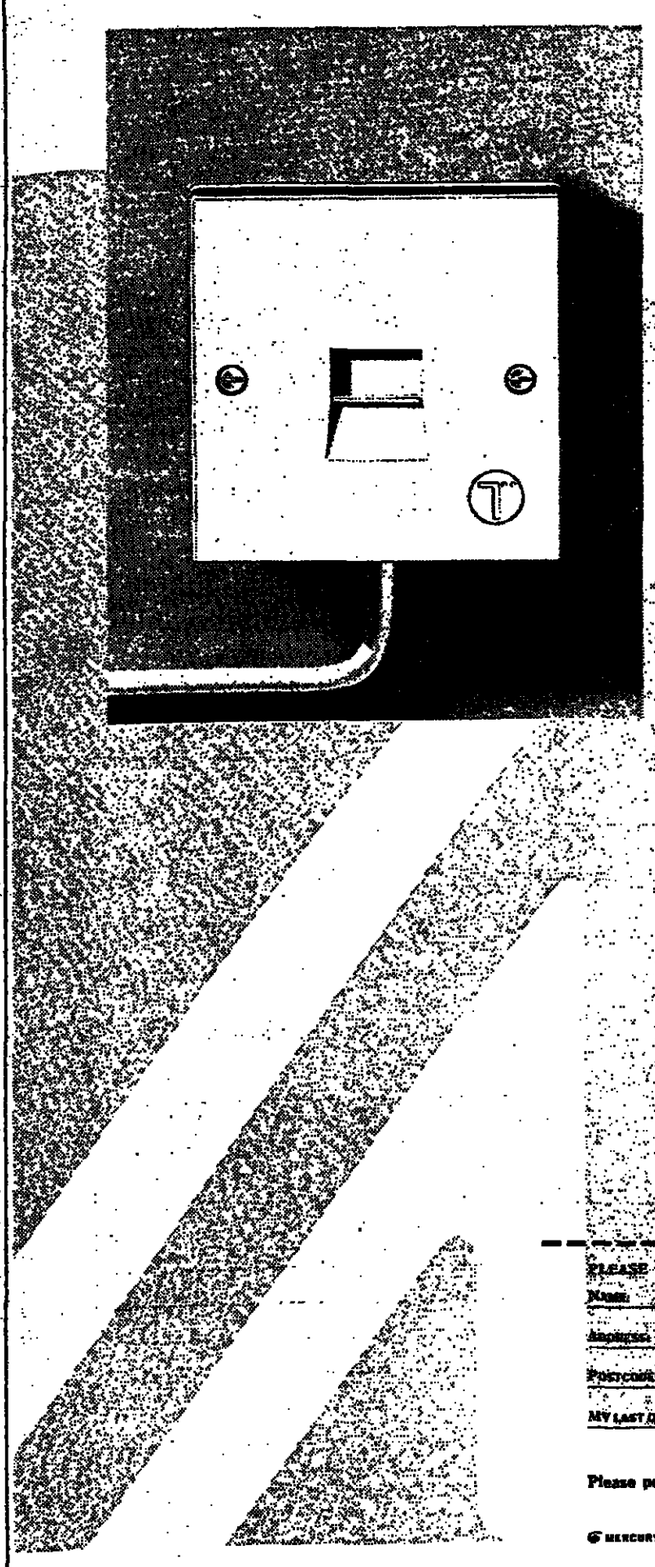
According to the testimony, the stronger refugees, led by a former South Vietnamese soldier, ordered the murder of the three whose bodies were eaten. The bodies of two others who had died were also eaten.

Miss Tranh My Hanh, aged 32, a refugee, said in written testimony that food handed over by the warship, the USS Dubuque, could have lasted a week, but it ran out after two days because it was fought over instead of being rationed. "I blame my own people," she said.

At the hearing at Subic Bay Naval Base, north-west of Manila, Captain Alexander Balian, aged 48, who was in command of the USS Dubuque, was cleared of not helping a drowning person.

But he continues to face charges that he failed to help people in danger on the high seas and, more specifically, that he failed to help a refugee who climbed on to a rope hanging from the US ship and was allegedly shaken back into the sea by a crewman acting under orders.

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Blacks ostracize Winnie Mandela

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

South Africa's black community has disowned Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed nationalist leader, Nelson Mandela, after expressing outrage at a "reign of terror" waged by a gang of youths acting as her personal bodyguard.

The historic decision to declare Mrs Mandela a political and social outcast was announced yesterday by the United Democratic Front (UDF), an umbrella organization for 750 anti-apartheid groups, and Cosatu, the country's biggest black trade union federation.

The organizations said Mrs Mandela had rejected repeated calls to disband her private militia, formed in Soweto township under the guise of a "football club".

At a packed press conference in a church hall in Johannesburg, they declared: "The mass democratic movement hereby distances itself from Mrs Mandela and her actions. We call on our people, in particular the Soweto community, to exercise this distancing in a dignified manner."

The ostracism of Mrs Mandela follows the abduction of three black youths from a church refuge home in Soweto by members of her "team" on December 28. The badly-decomposed body of one of them was found with three stab wounds in the neck last month, and police said this week they had launched a murder investigation.

Township sources said the killing was the latest in a catalogue of intimidation, assault and rape blamed on Mrs Mandela's entourage.

Mounting anger against the "Mandela United Football Club" was reflected in the prepared statement read yesterday by Mr Murphy Morobe, a member of the UDF executive committee: "Mrs Mandela's actions have increasingly led her into conflict with various sections of the oppressed people ... The conduct of her 'football club' has been widely condemned by the community.

"In particular, we are outraged by the reign of terror that the team has been associated with. Not only is Mrs Mandela associated with the team, in fact it is her own creation. We are of the view that she has abused the trust and confidence which she has enjoyed over the years."

The statement explicitly accused Mrs Mandela of involvement in the murder of the abducted youth, Stompie Mokhetsi, aged 14. "We are outraged at Mrs Mandela's complicity in the recent abductions and assault of Stompie. Had Stompie and his colleagues not been abducted by Mrs Mandela's 'football team', he would have been alive today."

It said numerous efforts had been made to resolve the conflict, including the formation of a crisis committee of community leaders. Mr Morobe recalled that Nelson Mandela, from his detention centre, and his ANC colleagues in Lusaka, had appealed in vain to Mrs Mandela to disband her "team".

"On every occasion Mrs Mandela has refused to cooperate, and has chosen to disregard the sentiments of the community."

The statement recognized that Mrs Mandela has been separated from her husband for most of their married life, and has had to bring up her children alone while suffering prolonged house arrests and banishment. However, it concluded: "The Democratic Movement has uncompromisingly fought against violations of human rights from whatever quarter. We are not prepared to remain silent where those who are violating human rights claim to be doing so in the name of the struggle against apartheid."

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Harare — Mr Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress, yesterday endorsed the disbanding of Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguards (Jan Raath writes). "The original idea was good, but it went wrong somewhere," he said. He denied there was a rift between Mrs Mandela and the organization.



Mr Murphy Morobe criticizing Mrs Mandela's bodyguards at a news conference yesterday.

Fall of a figurehead

Tragic error in life of struggle

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The decline and dramatic fall of Mrs Winnie Mandela, brought about by an inexplicable disregard for the values she once fought to uphold, marks an ignominious end to an exemplary struggle against apartheid.

Revered by a generation of blacks as "Mother of the Nation", Mrs Mandela has been reduced to an enigmatic, reclusive figure shunned by all but her closest relatives and a gang of thugs she calls her "football club".

Sympathizers suggest that her erratic behaviour may be due in part to long years of separation from her husband, the strain of living up to his image as the symbol of resistance to apartheid, and not least to her own harrowing ordeals in prisons.

Even by Soweto standards Mrs Mandela has had a hard life. Now aged 54, she has spent more than three years in prison, including 17 months in solitary confinement, and has been subject to severe restrictions and banning orders for more than 20 years.

She has been married to Nelson Mandela for 30 years, but they were together for only three years before he went underground and was subsequently arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment. The couple have two grown-up daughters, Zenani and Zindziwa.

The daughter of a teacher, Mrs Mandela became the country's first black medical social worker at the age of 16. In 1957 she met Nelson Mandela, who was already accused of treason. They married the next year.

Three months later she was arrested for agitating against the pass laws. After being released she served on the executive of the ANC Women's League, and was arrested again in 1959 under the Terrorism Act.

Found not guilty on appeal, she was served with the first of a series of banning orders three years later under the Suppression of Communism Act.

The restrictions on her movements and activities remained in force until 1975. A year after that she received new banning orders which were relaxed only in 1986.

During this period she was repeatedly detained, imprisoned, banished from Soweto and placed under house arrest for defying the restrictions.

Throughout her ordeal Mrs Mandela remained composed, an inspiration to her people, and an eloquent partner to her husband in his Robben Island prison.

But her image began to crack in April, 1986, when she was widely quoted as saying that blacks would be liberated by matches and necklaces — a reference to killing by placing burning tyres around victims' necks.

She later denied that she had endorsed violence, saying she had been quoted out of context.

She aroused further controversy by having a large mansion built for herself and her family, tastelessly ostentatious beside the township houses.

Her former house was burnt to the ground by schoolchildren last July after several of them had been beaten up by the so-called "footballers" now accompanying her.

Shortly afterwards she was involved in another fiasco when her husband denied that a controversial black American public relations man, whom she had engaged, had power of attorney for the Mandela name.

Constantly surrounded by her cavalier team of "footballers", Mrs Mandela gradually became inaccessible to Soweto residents and her relations with the press deteriorated sharply.

Eventually her behaviour became so distasteful that a senior black activist was moved to remark last year: "She's been a holy cow for too long."

The solitary confinement to which she has now been sentenced by her own people will almost certainly be harder to bear than that decreed by the white authorities.

Churchmen's plea halts hunger strike

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The majority of nearly 300 detainees held without trial under South Africa's state of emergency yesterday called off a three-week hunger strike. Some of them have been held for nearly three years.

They ended their action after a call by church leaders and as a group of prominent black churchmen met Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order, in Cape Town.

Reports yesterday indicated that Mr Vlok would order the release of about 100 of an estimated 800 detainees within the next few days.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in Cape Town yesterday that Mr Vlok had given an assurance to himself and other church leaders that a substantial number of detainees would be freed during the next two weeks.

Asked if he would regard the release of 100 as substantial he replied: "No, 100 would be piffle. It shows that success can be achieved through negotiation, through non-violent action."

Dr Allan Boesak, the Coloured (mixed race) leader of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches who started to fast in sympathy with the hunger strikers three days ago, said he had suspended his action and called on all hunger strikers to do the same for the next fortnight.

He said: "The burden is now on the shoulders of Mr Vlok. We want to see what he means by a substantial number."

Archbishop Tutu said the church delegation would have liked to have an assurance, which was not forthcoming, that the detainees would be freed unconditionally. But the main concern at present was to get them out of jail.

Mr Vlok told the church leaders that he agreed with them that the death of a hunger striker would have consequences "too ghastly too contemplate" — a phrase once used by the late Prime Minister, John Vorster, about the need for apartheid to reform itself and which has haunted the Government ever since.

A spokesman for Mr Vlok's office said he told the church leaders he was giving urgent and personal attention to the case of each detainee, starting with the hunger strikers.

The Rev Frank Chikane said it appeared that the minister had an open mind on the issue. Unlike previous ministers of police he had handled the present situation with a surprising degree of diplomacy.

Radiation danger

New Orleans (Reuter) — The level of radiation contamination in Louisiana oilfields constituted an emergency, a state spokesman said yesterday, adding that strict regulations would be imposed on Monday. He said that radium was leaked from uranium and thorium in deep geological formations and was brought to the surface with oilwell brine.

Air shows off

Ramstein (Reuter) — The US Air Force said it had cancelled all military air shows in West Germany for 1989 after last year's Ramstein disaster in which 70 people died.

Sworn in

Canberra (Reuter) — Mr Bill Hayden, the former Australian Foreign Minister, was sworn in as Governor-General despite his hope that the country will one day become a republic.

Aid appeal

Maputo (Reuter) — Mozambique, ravaged by war and rural economic collapse, has appealed for £215 million to feed its 4.6 million people who depend on emergency relief.

Power talks

Peking (AP) — Soviet nuclear energy experts are to visit Peking next month for talks which will include the possible sale of a nuclear power plant.

Mortar attack

San Salvador (Reuter) — Left-wing rebels fired two mortar bombs into police headquarters after offices of an anti-government union were bombed by right-wingers.

Secret land

Seoul — The wife of former President Chun of Korea secretly owns land worth millions of dollars, an MP said, contradicting claims that the couple had surrendered all their property.

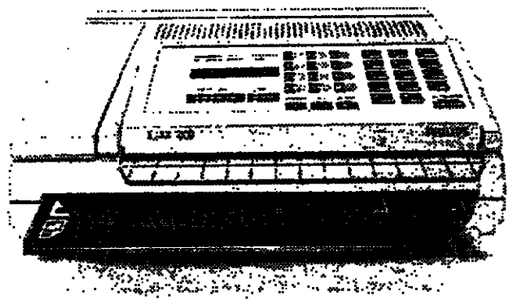
Six arrested

Bogotá (Reuter) — Six people believed to belong to a Colombian right-wing paramilitary group have been accused of the massacre of 12 members of a judicial commission.

Gang tribute

Tokyo (AFP) — The Japanese mafia, the Yakuza, have stopped fighting and shooting each other as the funeral of Emperor Hirohito nears.

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Sri Lanka's ruling party keeps its hold on power

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The United National Party of President Premadasa emerged victorious in Wednesday's general election, capturing 125 of the 225-seat Parliament.

Speaking after his win, President Premadasa said those outside the mainstream of politics should realize that the people had rejected the path of violence and he gave a warning that any attempt at sabotage would be treated as an act of treachery.

He said he would be deciding on his Cabinet over the next few days and would not hesitiate to change ministers if necessary.

Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party won 67 seats. The seats were allocated on a proportional representation basis on voting in 22 electoral districts, in the first general election held in Sri Lanka on this basis.

If the results had been on the earlier first-past-the-post basis, the SLFP would have won only five seats and the UNP would have had a more than two-thirds majority.

The rules of elections, however, were changed by President Jayewardene in the late 1970s, using his five-sixths majority in Parliament, hoping to ensure that the UNP, which has consistently had a base of about 35 per cent of the vote, would never suffer a defeat.

Ironically, it has robbed the UNP of a major victory while helping the SLFP to survive.

The voter turnout was 63.6 per cent, higher than the 56 per cent of the presidential poll in December, 1988, but it was lower than the 80 per cent at the previous general election in 1977.

Voting was low, mainly in the south, due to threats by the extremist Sinhala Marxist group, the JVP (People's Liberation Front), to shoot those who voted, participated or assisted in the election. Although the poll in the south was low, the UNP won six of the nine seats in Matara district and five of the seven seats in the Hambantota district.

In the Northern province, an interesting phenomenon was the emergence of an independent group, the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students, who won 13 seats and are closely linked with the main Tamil guerilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

The win of EROS will mean the Indians, who have been trying to disarm the Tigers and saying their power is diminishing in the Jaffna peninsula, will have to do some rethinking.

The Tamil United Liberation Front, which formed a loose working arrangement with a number of Tamil parties, won 10 seats in the north and east, but their leader, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, did not get enough votes in preferences to be elected to Parliament.

One of the main battles is to see who will be appointed Prime Minister in the UNP Government. The battle is believed to be between Mr Lalith Athulathmudalai, Minister of Trade, Shipping and food and Mr Gamini Dissanayake, Minister of Land, Mahaweli (River) Development and Agriculture.

Mr Dissanayake has received over 73,000 votes in Nuwara Eliya-Maskeliya in the central hills, while Mr Athulathmudalai is reported to be leading with over 235,000 votes in Colombo.

Among the smaller parties, the United Socialist Alliance of Communists, Trotskyites and Socialists won three seats, as did the socialist MEP. The Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, a newcomer to the political scene in the last year, won four seats.

Drought reduces the Tiber to a trickle



The Tiber reduced to a trickle yesterday near the Castel Sant' Angelo in the heart of historic Rome as parts of Italy suffered an unseasonal and acute drought. Apart from a few isolated and brief showers, there has been no rain since November. The Air Force Meteorological Office says a winter as dry as this has never been recorded since the First World War. Since last September the overall rainfall has been less than half the annual average for the country, posing problems for farmers.

Landmark Aids ruling

Hudson's lover is awarded damages of £8.5 million

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The lover of the late actor, Rock Hudson, has been awarded $14.5 million (£8.5 million) in damages after a Los Angeles jury ruled that Hudson and his private secretary had engaged in "outrageous behaviour" by concealing Hudson had Aids.

The award on Wednesday was met with both surprise and exultation in gay communities in the US and several lawyers involved in Aids suits said it was a landmark ruling.

After five weeks of testimony detailing some of the most intimate moments in the private sex life of the late box office star, the jury ruled 10-2 following three days of deliberation that Hudson and his secretary had deliberately concealed from Mr Marc Christian, aged 35, that the actor had Aids. Hudson died in 1985. Unlike criminal jury decisions, civil case decisions need not be unanimous.

Mr Christian smiled broadly after the verdict was announced but did not comment, citing the judge's order of silence on the case. His lawyer, Mr Harold Roden, noted: "You don't have to have a comment from a lawyer to know how elated he would be."

Lawyers for the Hudson estate and his private secretary, Mr Mark Miller, aged 55, refused comment but will most certainly appeal against the award.

Although there have been numerous suits by people seeking damages from lovers who gave them a sexually transmitted disease, personal



Mr Christian: Emotional distress, but never infected.

injury lawyers in the Hudson case said it was unique and could set a precedent because Mr Christian has continued to test negative for the virus that leads to Aids. No plaintiff who had tested negative for Aids had previously won such a verdict.

The crucial issue in the case, which drew packed audiences daily to the Los Angeles court, was whether Hudson had a legal duty to warn Mr Christian that he had Aids and whether Mr Christian was entitled to damages for being exposed to the virus.

The jury found the late actor had such a duty and engaged in "outrageous conduct" by exposing Christian to the fatal disease.

During the trial Mr Christian said he suffered extreme emotional distress after he learned from a TV report that Hudson was dying of Aids.

At the trial he testified that he and Hudson dated about 80 times before they had sex and often spent the afternoons making love in hotels along the southern California coast. Even when the actor lost more than 30lb Mr Christian believed Hudson, who said he wanted to lose weight "because I want to look like I did when I made *Pillow Talk* with Doris Day".

Mr Ben Schatz, a lawyer with the National Gay Rights Advocates in San Francisco, said: "Since Mr Christian freely engaged in unprotected sex, and he never became infected, the amount of the award seems somewhat hysterical."

Pinochet hits out at poll 'fraud'

From Greg San Miguel
Santiago

President Pinochet of Chile has denounced the opposition's victory in last October's presidential plebiscite as "a fraud".

He claimed that the result was attributable to the "millions of dollars" the opposition received from the US Government, from West Germany, Belgium, Spain, Holland, Italy and some South American nations, and said that he had documentary proof of this.

He cited "15 years of permanent aggression from Radio Moscow" and "certain misguided gentlemen from the Church ... who offered to support the opposition".

President Pinochet was back on the hustings, speaking during a tour of Chile's ninth region, the only one of 13 regions to register a "Yes" vote in last year's referendum. Despite having lost his bid to remain in power for a further eight years and being required to leave office next March, his remarks had all the signs of a campaign speech.

He said there was a "grave danger" for Chile's development if government fell into the hands of his adversaries and called on supporters to fight "with all their force" to ensure a majority in the parliamentary and presidential elections due in December.

Klansman embarrasses Republicans

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Throughout the United States, Republican Party leaders are bracing themselves for an event that seems certain to undermine recent attempts to attract black voters — the election in Louisiana of a Republican candidate, a former "imperial wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan, who has run on an unashamed platform of white supremacy.

Mr David Duke, aged 38, is likely to be elected to the Louisiana state legislature by Metairie, a 99.6 per cent white suburb of New Orleans.

Mr Duke, the president of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, a version of the old Klan that parodies one of America's oldest black civil rights organizations, advocates eliminating affirmative action programmes, sterilizing women on welfare and resettling ethnic groups under a plan that would concentrate all American Jews in Manhattan or Long Island — renamed "West Israel".

He won the primary election last month, running as a Republican in an open field where the two top finishers, regardless of party, meet in a run-off. Tomorrow he faces his remaining rival, Mr John Treen, a conservative Republican whom he defeated in the primary by a wide margin.

Mr Duke has strong support in the conservative Metairie area. Of the 21,000 registered voters, a mere 46 are black. Two years ago, the parish sheriff told his deputies to detain any black men walking on the streets after sundown.

An articulate white supremacist since his youth, Mr Duke was known in his undergraduate years as "the Nazi of Louisiana State University". In 1970, he wore a storm-trooper uniform and was a strong admirer of Hitler.

He has eschewed open racism in his present campaign. Good-looking, courteous and soberly dressed, he campaigns door-to-door emphasizing such mainstream themes as education and property-tax exemption, but his candidacy has provoked widespread opposition and alarm.

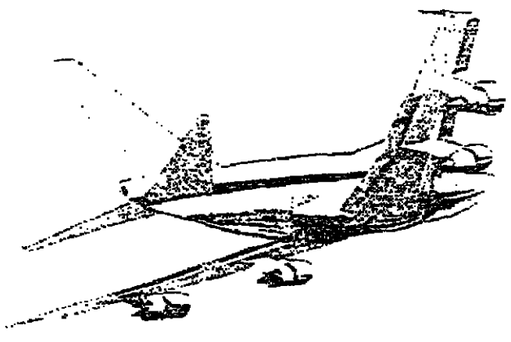
The Jewish Defence Organization held an indoor rally last Sunday, but a planned protest march in New Orleans was cancelled because the group's leader did not obtain a permit. The Rev Marie Galatas, a local black activist, urged the crowd to do everything it could to defeat Mr Duke.

Political leaders of both parties have also voiced opposition. Governor Buddy Roemer, a Democrat who has tried to improve Louisiana's tarnished image, said a Duke victory would "undo in one stupid act everything we've tried to do here last year".

The Republican National Committee has joined black, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders to try to defeat him.

Mr Lee Atwater, the new national chairman, who is trying to woo blacks, said the Republican Party had no use for Mr Duke and would do everything it could to defeat him. President Bush's son, George Jnr, appeared in Metairie last week to support Mr Treen.

Opponents have tried to block Mr Duke's candidacy on a technicality, saying he did not register residence in Metairie in time. They intend to file a legal challenge after the election.



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Calls for minister to resign over tainted food

There were calls from the Opposition benches for the resignation of the Minister of Agriculture and for the Prime Minister to make a statement to reassure consumers and producers during Commons questions on food contamination.

Agriculture ministers said that the Government was taking all necessary action but that the *matter must be kept in* perspective.

The questioning was opened by Mr James Wray (Glasgow, Provan, Lab) who quoted the London Food Commission as saying that there had been a Government "cover-up" on food poisons.

He said that, according to statistics, one in every 12,000 eggs was contaminated. Considering that 30 million eggs per day were *distributed, that would* mean that 2,500 eggs a day were contaminated.

"When you take into consideration that the average person eats 151 eggs a year, obviously one in every 79 people in Britain would eat a contaminated egg. An average person would eat two infected eggs in a year." The minister should resign.

Mr Richard Ryder, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry *of Agriculture, Fisheries and* Food: There has been no cover-up. We take this matter seriously. It must be seen in the sort of perspective that Mr Wray does not see it in.

Sir Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) asked for confirmation that the Government only acted on the basis of scientific evidence.

Mr Ryder: Yes, sir.

Mr Robert Hicks (South East Cornwall, C) said that it was the responsibility of any responsible government to inform and not to alarm.

For that reason, allegations about the desirability of eating certain foodstuffs were not only *misplaced but were, in many* cases, irresponsible.

Mr Ryder should respond robustly to allegations made *without scientific evidence.*

Mr Ryder: The Government will *continue to answer these* charges in a clear and robust manner. This problem must be put into perspective, but the Government takes its responsibilities in the food sector extremely seriously.

Mr Eric Martlew (Carlisle, Lab) said that the Government had failed in 1983 to ban the sale of so-called green-top or untreated *milk, although it had* been banned in Scotland.

The result had been that eight people had died in the Calder *Valley area of West Yorkshire,* including a baby. Because of pressure *from the farming* lobby, the Government had waited six years to ban it.

Mr Ryder said that the Government would be consulting under the Food Act, 1984, to see whether the ban would take place. The consultation document would be made available next week.

SALMONELLA

Mr Charles Wardle (Bexhill and Battle, C) said that, as well as *ensuring the highest standard* of hygiene in animal husbandry and food processes, it was becoming essential to emphasize the importance of hygiene in preparation of food in the home in accordance with nor*mal commonsense provisions.*

Mr Ryder: It is precisely *because of that that the Depart*ment of Health and ourselves will be launching a joint "hygiene in the home" campaign to ram home those points.

Mr Geraint Howells, Democrat spokesman on agriculture, said that many contradictory statements had been made by various Government departments over the past month.

It was time for the Prime Minister to come to the House *and make a statement to allay* fears of consumers and producers.

Mr Ryder: The Secretary of *State said on Tuesday that there* was no complacency and no conspiracy. Later that day, the Prime Minister set out in detail precisely what the Government's view was on the question of pasteurized and unpasteurized milk.

"We take this matter seriously. There has been no cover-up, but the matter must be kept in perspective"

Mr James Paice (South East Cambridgeshire, C) said that nearly a week had passed since the last scare story about British food. *Much of the furore had* been blown up out of all *proportion by the press, sensa*tionalizing a genuine problem but a tiny one.

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) asked him to confirm that the standards of hygiene in food factories in this country were second to none.

It was high time that those who spoke on this matter showed a sense of responsibility rather than creating a sense of hysteria.

Mr Ryder: It is precisely because we are not complacent about this issue that the Government has been preparing an *important Food Bill since Octo*ber 1987.

Since then, more than 800 organizations have been consulted about what should go into the Bill which will be set before Parliament as soon as is practicable.

Mr David Clark, *chief Opposition* spokesman on agri*culture, said during later* questions that the only long*term solution for salmonella in* eggs was to eradicate it from the poultry flocks.

There should be a phased inspection of all 45,000 flocks, culling where necessary, instead of the half-hearted scheme which he had *admitted in* Monday's newspapers would *apply to only four out of the* 45,000 flocks.

*Mr John MacGregor, Min*ister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: He has got it entirely wrong (Conservative cheers). It is not possible and no country in the world has found the way to eradicate salmonella. Salmo*nella is in the environment. It is* carried by wild birds and rodents. We are taking every possible step to minimise the risk of salmonella.

No one had found a way to eradicate it and it would be irresponsible to claim that it could be done.

One of the 17 measures the Government had introduced was a requirement for monitoring. The findings would have to *be reported to the ministry.*

It would be then possible to *get a clear and accurate picture* of the exact state of infection.

The four flocks Mr Clark mentioned were under restric*tion as a result of the monitor*ing. "I have no doubt that there will be more." Four flocks under restriction out of 45,000 did help to put the matter into perspective.

Earlier, Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that he was reassured that *the Prime Minister was in* charge of the campaign about *poisoning the nation.* She was more than qualified in that respect (laughter).

"It is time that we had an *independent* food and safety executive so that we know we can get the truth because no one believes the Government anymore."

He expected to read in the press that a minister had recommended that "we boil our Easter eggs" (laughter).

Mr MacGregor said that the Government made available to *the public all information* known to it. "We give advice where it is necessary. It is important that the advice and the perspective is not got out of proportion."

Mr Paul Marland (West Gloucestershire, C) said that the public was very concerned about infection in food. For reasons of its own the Opposition sought to create the maximum possible misunder*standing out of the whole matter* (Conservative cheers).

Mr MacGregor: I agree. It is very important in all these matters that we retain a sense of perspective.



Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) played an invisible violin and his neighbour on the Opposition bench below the gangway, Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) (above left), mopped invisible tears from his cheeks in mock sympathy as *Mr Ivan Lawrence* (Burton, C) told the Prime Minister of the rise in legal costs that would follow implementation of the recent Green Paper on law reform.

Most of his words could not be heard through the laughter and cheers, but *Mr Lawrence* began by reminding Mrs Thatcher that the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, had made a blistering attack on the Green Paper, which would drive up legal costs.

It would restrict the availability of lawyers, particularly in country areas and reduce the quality of the service.

Mrs Thatcher: I heard part of that question and I must point out to my honourable and *learned* (laughter) friend that any proposal or set of proposals put forward by our most distinguished Lord Chancellor (Lord Mackay of Clashfern) are worthy of very serious consideration and merit serious debate. I know Mr Lawrence's strong views. I feel that there will also be strong views on the other side.

[Mr Lawrence is a QC and chairman of *the Conservative MPs' legal committee. Mr* Sedgemore is a barrister.]

Rushdie case debate refused

Demands for a statement or debate on the threats to the life of Mr Salman Rushdie, the author, were rejected by Mr John Wakeham, the Leader of the Commons. He said that the ventilating of views in the House would not be appropriate in "the present delicate circumstances".

Mr Wakeham said that the declaration by Ayatollah Khomeini was totally unacceptable.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that according to the Scottish media there were eight volunteers in Scotland prepared to carry out the assassination. "We do not want these people living in Scotland."

Ministers are not sacked

Ministers in the present Government are not sacked, "they are resigned", the Prime Minister said during question time, when she reproved a Labour MP for ungentlemanliness in using the word "sacked".

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) asked during questions how many Cabinet ministers she had sacked, and "whether there was any pattern in their behaviour which will enable us to forecast who will be next" (laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher: How very ungentlemanly of Mr Leighton. Cabinet ministers are resigned (renewed laughter).

Concern over Kent rail link

Mrs Thatcher said that proposals for a high-speed rail link through Kent must take full account of environ*mental factors and be* accompanied by an announcement of proper compensation arrangements.

She was replying to Mr Robert Dunn (Dartford, C), who said that the people of Dartford were totally hostile and opposed to British Rail's proposals for a high-speed rail link through north-west Kent.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Government and British Rail were well aware that a single, formal, proposal must be brought forward soon. "I hope that will ease the position."

NHS 'safe in our hands'

The National Health Service was safer in the Government's hands than it had been in those of Dr David Owen, when he was a health minister, or in those of a Labour government, Mrs Thatcher told Dr Owen during questions.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, had said that, with most people believing that the service was not safe in her Government's hands, she should withdraw proposals for its commercialization.

Mrs Thatcher said that there were no proposals to privatize the service.

New chapter in relations

The departure of the last Soviet soldier from Afghanistan marked a new chapter in relations with the Soviet Union, and it was to be hoped that that could be used to solve other problems, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) had asked her to express appreciation to President Gorbachov for the new-found realism in the Soviet Union's foreign policy.

Good hope for zero inflation

In a short but sharp exchange during Prime Minister's question, Mr Kinnock, the Leader of the Opposition asked, to cheers from his supporters: Can the *Prime Minister tell us how her* plans to reach zero inflation are getting along?

Mrs Thatcher: They are proceeding . . . (loud laughter and Opposition interruptions).

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Order. The Prime Minister has only got one sentence out.

Mrs Thatcher . . . by methods which Mr Kinnock opposes. The best performance of the Labour Government was 7.4 per cent inflation — a low level by its standards and reached for only one month. This compared with this Government's best performance of 2.4 per cent and it had already *held inflation at 3 per* cent or below for six months. Our chances of getting down to zero are good.

House urges caution at prospect of trade war

In the dispute between the EEC and the United States over the Community's prohibition of imports of hormone-treated meat from the US, much depended on talks involving the EEC Commission, in Washington this weekend, *Mrs Lynda Chalker*, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons in the early hours of Thursday.

She said that the dispute was potentially damaging and that there was a risk of its worsening. The US Secretary of Agriculture had said that if the EEC imposed counter-retaliation measures against US measures on the Community, Washington would "counter-counter-retaliate". Such a trade war would make the dispute much more difficult to resolve.

"Our view remains that all trade disputes can be resolved only through negotiation." The Government would continue to try to find ways to avoid precipitate action by the EEC when the matter was discussed at the Foreign Affairs Council next Monday.

EEC COMMISSION

During the debate, backbench Conservative MPs expressed fears of an impending trade war and said that there was no scientific evidence for the ban on American meat. There were criticisms of alleged protectionism within the Community and calls for the Government to use the veto against the Community's ban.

***Mr Teddy Taylor* (Southend East, C) said that the EEC believed that protectionism was the answer to over-production.**

***Mr Jonathan Aitken* (Thanet South, C) said that the EEC should "cool it". The Commission had given way to pressures of the most superficial kind. The European Parliament stood condemned because it had confused "green emotions and health populism" with the kind of responsible government and diplomacy that was necessary.**

***Mr William Cash* (Stafford, C) said that Britain had to put its foot down over the Commission's "dangerous game". The matter was getting out of hand.**

However, *Mr George Robertson*, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that the US had little or no case. One reason for this contrived dispute was the fear of American drug companies that consumer preference in Europe would spread to the United States and affect profit levels and their market just as it had affected European pharmaceutical companies.

Official Secrets Bill: Committee stage

MPs give John le Carré his place in Commons debate

The following report appeared in later editions yesterday.

MPs moved into the world of John le Carré and what Mr ***Robin Corbett***, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, described as a Never-Never Land, during the third day of the committee stage of the Official Secrets Bill.

He said that the Government was not content with silencing members of the security services. It now wanted to find ways of imprisoning jokers and jesters.

He moved an amendment to *delete a clause that makes* anyone who has been, or is a member of the security or intelligence services, or a notified person, liable for prosecution for disclosing information which purports to be relating to *security or intelligence, or is* intended to be meant as such a disclosure to the person to whom it was addressed.

He said that the clause meant that a notified person could be prosecuted and jailed for disclo*sures that were not only un*substantiated and untrue but even total fabrications. It was no use the minister saying that "we will never be so daft as to go ahead on this basis. Why is this silly and dangerous provision in *the Bill*"?

Mr John Gorst (Hendon *North, C) wanted an assurance* that no work of fiction, poem, or story based on truth would be caught by the provision.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the amendment would allow those *making disclosures that were* damaging to the work of the *security services to escape* prosecution because it would not be in the public interest to confirm in court that the information was true.

Liability depended on the prosecution's being able to show *that the information disclosed* was intended by its author to be taken as true.

Removal of the clause would allow the services to be traduced without any restraint by those whose word must carry weight because of the trust they held.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Up*minster, C) said that the Bill* needed greater clarity. Much fiction was partly based on facts which the author must have got from working in the security services. The Government said that such an author would be protected with the Bill as it stood, but that was not appar*ent. It could mean that someone* such as John le Carré would be liable to prosecution.

"It would be possible for the jury to read le Carré and say that 'M' was *the genuine nickname* of the chief of MI5. If they came *to that conclusion, then under* this law he would be guilty and there would be no defence."

Mr Patten said that the question was whether the author made a statement which purported to make a disclosure, or was intended by the author so to be taken. The genuinely fic*tional work could not be caught* because intention had to be proved. "Nothing which is written, whether it is fiction, or allegory, or satire, or poetry, which is not taken to be a disclosure of the work of the services, can be subject to the offences under this subsection."

The amendment was rejected by 296 votes to 191 — Government majority, 105.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on *home affairs, moved an amend*ment to change the criterion *against which harm was to be* judged.

The amendment would make it an offence to make a disclosure which would cause "serious injury to the interests of the nation", whereas the Bill refers to a "damaging" disclosure.

He said that it was "dama*ging" and therefore a criminal* offence if, by unauthorized publication, an official made it more difficult for troops of the Household Brigade to arrive on time at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, to act as labourers at a polo match.

It would be a reasonable test if *a jury had to decide whether* disclosure was seriously damaging to the national interest.

If the Home Secretary refused to accept it, the Opposition *must conclude that the Govern*ment wished to retain the "catch-all" powers and wished to do so in a concealed way.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Home Secretary, said that the test should be "serious injury" to the interests of the nation. The Home Secretary and the Minister of State had both, *in statements and letters,* talked of "serious injury" or "serious harm", but they were not in the Bill. What was wrong with putting them in?

The Government had gone too far. The basis should still be *serious injury.*

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that the Home Secretary was saying to the nation that the nature of the damage had to be serious, but that was not what was in the ill drafted and *ill* thought out clause in the Bill.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said that the Bill selected areas which needed to be protected and defined them as areas in which disclosure would do serious harm. It narrowed the range of Government information covered in this way to disclosures that were believed to be *harmful per se* or areas where Parliament was asked to set a test of harm. The Government did not believe that there should be a test within a test, or sub-divisions for particular forms of harm.

The amendment was rejected by 286 votes to 183 — Govern*ment majority, 103.*

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Transport (Scotland) *Bill, remaining stages.*

Tuesday: Debate on Opposition motion on "The Government's failure to give proper care to the safety of food and water".

Wednesday: Official Secrets Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: Debate on developments on the EEC, January to June 1988. Debate on reduction of air pollution from incineration plants.

Friday: Private members' Bills.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Football Spectators Bill, committee.

Tuesday: Companies Bill, committee, fourth day.

Wednesday: Debate on the White Paper on the National Health Service, *Working for Patients.*

Thursday: Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Bill, committee. Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's Bill: Sunday Sports Bill, second reading.

Privatized policy-making for the Tory right

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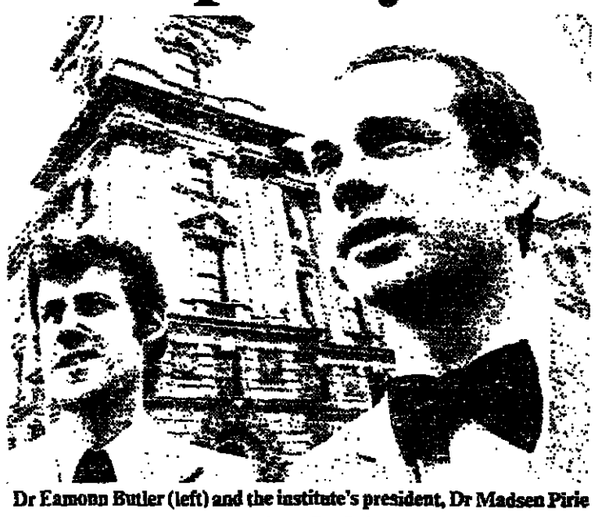
There is a reason for the sustained radical energy of the present Government at a stage when most administrations have long since run out of new ideas: policy-making itself has been privatized.

The Thatcher Government buys policies ready packaged off the shelf as well as absorbing them from the *Downing Street Policy Unit and from* ministerial memoranda.

There are three favourite boutiques — the Centre for Policy Studies, the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Adam Smith Institute, whose energetic president, Dr Madsen Pirie, bow-tie quivering with intellectual enthusiasm, has ensured that the institute has become the most prominent of the three.

To Dr Pirie, a former professor of logic at Michigan University, pushing ideas into practical politics is so important that he would if necessary hand them out to passing MPs from the back of a lorry parked in Parliament Square.

This week the institute celebrates a *remarkable milestone: it is to publish* documentation claiming that a full *century of its ideas propounded since* 1977 have now become established fact or have been adopted as government policy. While some could quibble on precise detail — Sir Geoffrey Howe might argue that he had already thought of enterprise zones when the institute advocated them; other ideas as general as the privatization of hospital ancillary services were being promoted simultaneously by others — there is no doubting *the institute's ability to* put subjects on the political agenda.



Dr Eamonn Butler (left) and the institute's president, Dr Madsen Pirie

Run by a team of eight headed by Dr Pirie and fellow St Andrew's graduate Dr Eamonn Butler, and calling on a resource tank of 250 others, it raises the £200,000 a year needed through donations from business and industry, the sale of publications and the staging of conferences.

The St Andrew's connection is important. It links the Adam Smith Institute to some younger, right-wing, Tory MPs, such as Mr Michael Forsyth, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Robert Jones and Mr Christopher Chope, many of them now in the Government, who themselves form the core of the No Turning Back group. The group is devoted to renewing the energy of radical Tory ideas and keeping the Government *up to the ideological mark.*

The two groups work closely, *giving a double impetus to the free*market ideas they advocate.

Thus, on the theme of radicalizing the Government, the institute produced a series of published Omega reports in the early 1980s and a privately circulated document for ministers and insiders, entitled *The Initiatives*. That was followed up by a No Turning Back group pamphlet on the same theme.

On education, there was another Omega report followed by the famous No Turning Back pamphlet, *Saving Our Schools*.

On health, there were no fewer than seven weighty Omega reports with proposals for health service reforms followed up by the No *Turning Back pamphlet, A Suitable Case for Treatment*.

Health was a particular coup for the institute. The Institute of Economic Affairs called for people to be able to opt out of the National Health Service into private care with health vouchers. The Centre for Policy Studies warned the health service turned into a national insurance system.

But it was the Adam Smith Institute that provided a model *nearest to what has become the* health review policy, concentrating on the establishment of an internal market and advocating the introduction of tax relief on private health insurance for the elderly.

A particular keynote of institute publications is that, as with the report this week advocating privatization of *the Post Office, they do not aim for* purely intellectual solutions but anticipate the political difficulties and provide arguments to ski around them. Thus they advocated "golden share" safeguards in privatized industries of strategic importance.

The list of battle honours claimed by the institute includes the Government's opening assaults on Quangos, the dividing of the Department of Health and Social Security, the instigation of deregulation units in *Whitehall and using the private* sector for infrastructure projects such *as the Dartford Bridge.*

In local government, it was urging *privatization of council services such* as refuse collection back in 1980. *There followed recommendations* since adopted for competitive bidding for local services, abolition of the Greater London Council, release of surplus land, the creation of urban development corporations and the creation of the poll tax and uniform national business rate.

On housing, the institute called in *1983 for the ending of rent controls* on new leases, the phasing out of *stamp duty (now halved), the sale of* council blocks to developers and an end to the solicitors' monopoly on conveyancing.

In education, it urged from 1984 many measures implemented in last year's Education Act, including greater say for parents, opting out of LEA control and the creation of *centres of excellence (now seen as city* technology colleges).

On transport, it urged from 1983 the deregulation of bus services, privatization of the National Bus Company, deregulation of the taxi trade, the introduction of mini-buses for urban transport and the privatization at airports (1984).

Privatization of gas, electricity, and water was urged in 1984. So was the privatization of Rolls-Royce, the splitting of British Leyland, the transfer of warship yards to the private sector and the phasing out of regional development grants.

On social security, the institute was a prime force in pushing for the phasing out of Serps and the in*troduction of portable pensions.*

Its latest recommendation (made in 1983 and 1987) to come on the government agenda is the ending of the compulsory division between barristers and lawyers.

SPECTRUM

Blowing the dust off the V&A

BRYAN APPLEYARD



ON THE ART OF CHANGE



The cast of the V&A drama: former director Sir Roy Strong, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, present director and opponent of the old order, Lord Armstrong, V&A chairman, and Mrs Thatcher

For almost 140 years the Victoria & Albert Museum has slumbered in South Kensington. It was established in the wake of the Great Exhibition of 1851 as a shrine to the arts of industry. It sprang from the confidence and optimism of the age and the V&A would celebrate the beauty and ingenuity of the products of the new materialism.

But on Friday, February 3, 1989 — "Black Friday" — Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, the museum's director, announced the end of the old dispensation. She asked five heads of departments and four senior curators to accept redundancy or be sacked. A new materialism had arrived and, in doing so, it was to expose not only the underlying problems of the V&A but also profound changes in the Government's policy on the arts.

The first point about Esteve-Coll's assault is that few outside the V&A doubted that it had to happen. Britain's museums and galleries have been enduring a quiet and reasonably tasteful revolution during the past few years. The message had finally sunk into the arts world that government funding was not likely to increase and hard decisions had to be made.

For all arts organizations these decisions centred on the need to raise new money from audiences and from private donations. For museums and galleries in particular there was the additional problem of finding a new balance between the needs of scholarship, the commitment to posterity, and the necessity of entertaining, a larger and more demanding, though not necessarily more discriminating, public.

"Oddly enough," one arts administrator said, "Britain was establishing herself as one of the world leaders on new thinking in the running of museums." The National Gallery found itself with more than £80 million of Getty and Sainsbury money, the Tate had finally extended both at its London site and in Liverpool and other museums were quietly adjusting to the new climate.

On top of this atmosphere of quiet optimism, the arts industry was drawing hope from signs of eccentricity in Mrs Thatcher. Last autumn she opened the Henry Moore exhibition at the Royal Academy and revealed a lifelong love of Moore and a devotion to the importance of the arts in general. That, along with other artistic affirmations, convinced many that the arts would take their place alongside the environment as part of the new, caring face of Thatcherism.

The theory was that, having changed the Arts Council under Lord Rees-Mogg and seen a general move away from the old welfare mentality in the arts, the Prime Minister was now ready to take the arts seriously. This new interest was backed by an influential study by John Myerscough in July 1988 at the Policy Studies Institute called *The Economic Importance of the Arts in Britain*. This showed, among other things, that an exhibition in London attracting 100,000 visitors generated economic activity worth £6.03 million. The arts, in other words, actually paid.

But this was not going to prove all good news for the arts establishment. Radical Tory thinking was prepared to take the arts seriously, but not on the old terms.

New money would not simply be pumped into the Arts Council; instead, funds would be more precisely targeted and new, more aggressive management would be demanded.

Against this background, the V&A had come to represent a horrible anomaly. Under its previous director, Sir Roy Strong, and chairman, Lord Carrington, it had struggled to survive in the face of immense problems. One rival described it as "the single most impossible arts administration crisis in the entire world".

In management, financial and curatorial areas the V&A was in deep trouble. Even stopping the rain getting in was almost impossible — the museum has no less than 26 acres of roof space. The point was driven home by a number of improbable catastrophes — floods, a workman smashing a baroque sculpture and a painting being stolen without anybody realizing until the police found it. But, at the heart of the problems, were the departmental heads known as "The Barons", jealously guarding against change. "They ran the place like personal kingdoms, it couldn't go on," one observer said.

Last year a report by the National Audit Office highlighted the problems and Esteve-Coll was roasted by the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee. Meanwhile Richard Wilding, then permanent secretary at the Office of Arts and Libraries, had prepared a study of the V&A which is said to be the inspiration of the Esteve-Coll confrontation.

So the assault on ancient curatorial powers was inevitable and had the blessing of the Government. Indeed, government sympathy is obvious in view of the fact that Lord Armstrong, the former head of the Civil Service, is the new chairman who arrived alongside Esteve-Coll.

But there can be little doubt that the Armstrong-Esteve-Coll axis has acted with extraordinary ruthlessness and at a political cost. An old-fashioned, messy arts row seems to contradict the optimism of both Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, and Mrs Thatcher, both of whom have been making political capital out of the arts.

A key reason for the Prime Minister's new-found love of the arts is thought to be the feeling that Britain's cultural stature in Europe has been declining. Behind European accusations of her philistinism has been the slur that she is more interested in supermarkets than statues.

So the V&A débâcle is not simply another case of an institution being handbagged by Thatcherism. The need for change had already been widely accepted. But, faced with the scale and apparent intractability of the museum's problems, the new regime went for a Big Bang and, in the process, convinced large numbers of people that crude management philistinism was attacking the delicate fabric of art history. The V&A's Saatchi & Saatchi advertising campaign — "An ace caff with quite a nice museum attached" — seemed designed to confirm this view.

From a wider perspective, the row is also likely to be the curtain-raiser for more confrontations. Corporate sponsorship, though successful, has not brought in enough money. Richard Wilding, meanwhile, is looking at ways of merging the Arts Council's activities with regional arts associations. He will report in September: leaving plenty of time for any new thinking to affect the council's move from 105 Piccadilly to new offices in Tufton Street.

The arts business is holding its breath to see exactly what Mrs Thatcher's new enthusiasm will mean. It is not encouraged by the row at the V&A. "If that is her idea of interest," one administrator said, "I'd hate to be the victim of her indifference."

Make 'em laugh



CRAIG BROWN

It is rumoured that Mr Neil Kinnock is keen to introduce more jokes into his performance at Prime Minister's Question Time.

In a crash course on jokes' delivery, he has been rehearsed in the basic riddle: "Why did the chicken cross the road? . . . To get to the other side."

"Neil is making rapid progress," says his special adviser, Mr Rip van Winkle. "He now takes only 10 minutes to relate the riddle, having managed to cut it by a *full 15 minutes*."

Mr Kinnock premiered the joke before a special meeting of the Labour Party yesterday. "Why, and for what reason, if reason there was," he began, thumping the rostrum, "did the chicken, the fowl, the feathered duoped, cross the road, perambulate the vehicular access route, make 100 per cent headway in its journey from one side of the highway to the other — particularly in the light of present circumstances?"

The Labour leader then demonstrated perfect timing by welcoming his wife Glenys on to the platform, while simultaneously holding Mr Roy Hattersley's hand in the air.

He then resumed his joke: "You ask me why that chicken, that feathery bird, crossed the road. You ask me why. I'll tell you why, friends, and I will tell you in no uncertain terms. And the reason I give you is this. I tell you simply and clearly and with no beating around the bush, no banging around the hedges. He crossed the road so as to get to, to reach, to obtain access to, the other side, the alternative pavement, the opposite pathway."

Many in Mr Kinnock's audience stayed awake for the full duration of the joke.

"It is the way I tell 'em," said a beaming Mr Kinnock, "the method I employ in reciting them, the means I have of conveying them. In this game, you can't be repetitive or long-winded. And you certainly can't repeat yourself."

In this month's *Harpers & Queen Magazine*, a former teacher at Chelsea Prep School, Hill House, has claimed the school is severely overcrowded, that pupils are "taught on staircases and hallways", and that they are given unnecessary outdoor exercise "simply because there is nowhere else for them to go".

Hill House can now expect hundreds of applications from parents who are delighted that the mainstays of an English private education — severe discomfort, and unnecessary outdoor exercise — are in such good hands.

But headmasters of many other prep schools have been anxious to stress the extraordinary low quality of their own facilities, which, they stress, are well below average.

Sergeant Major Jack T'witch, of the Old Asbestos Factory prep school in Sevenoaks, boasts his facilities are "among the very worst in the country".

The school prospectus speaks of "a selection of open-air classrooms, many without turf" and "all-night 50-a-side football matches" which "dispense with the need for dormitories".

His head matron, Flt Lt Shirley "Wilko" Wilkinson, proudly declares that she inspects each boy every morning "to check that his knees are muddy" while the school chaplain, the Rev Major General Trimm, conducts the boys on their hourly 10-mile marches between the school and the single classroom.

"We can offer pupils far more cramped conditions than anything Hill House can come up with," says Sgt Major T'witch, "teaching on staircases indeed!"

"We don't feather-bed our pupils with staircases and the like. Rope ladders link the floors at the Old Asbestos Factory, always have and always will."

Was wartime Britain as friendly and unselfish as people say? A new oral history tries to find the truth

The war of words

Listen to people well enough and, if you're lucky, they will discover the eloquence with which to describe their experiences exactly. "And when that happens," as the American oral historian Studs Turkel once said, "it's like being handed the Crown Jewels."

Jonathon Croall first demonstrated his talent for listening with his biography of A.S. Neill, published in 1983, which was largely based on the recollections of people who had been associated with Summerhill School over 40 years. Now he has gathered together 35 gem-like interviews into a new book, *Don't You Know There's A War On?* — an oral history of the Second World War as told by people who experienced it in Britain: the City Mother, the Airman's Daughter, the Civil Servant, the Pacifist Prisoner, the Office Girl, and so on.

Listen to the Manchester Boy, for example: "On the day the Bismark was sunk we were having singing lessons. The music teacher told one of us to open the door. We sang 'Rule Britannia'. Then he ordered the door to be closed again."

The Small Town Boy: "What sex is today food was in wartime: there was an aura about it, illicit almost."

The Scholarship Girl, an evacuee from the Blitz: "One day the lady of the manor rang up my mother and asked her to come and collect us, as she was going to hold a ball and needed the bedrooms. So we went back to London . . ."

The Scholarship Boy: "I recall one train which had a ghostlike quality, it was packed with troops who were quite ashen and didn't smile. They were like dead soldiers, and someone said that they had come from France."



Croall: oral historian

Croall runs Bedford Square Press, the imprint of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations. Since Cambridge, he has moved back and forth between publishing and journalism, and was for seven years features editor of *The Times Education Supplement*.

Four years old when the war ended and 47 now, he is candid about the motivation for the book. "Although it's not really an act of revenge on my family," he smiles, "I was always irritated by my mother forever going on about the wonderful comradeship of wartime, people talking to each other at bus stops, and the unselfishness she insisted went right across the community. My father was far more guarded. But my mother would brook no other version."

Other versions do indeed emerge: the cruel exploitation of some evacuees; the painful confessions of people who found themselves joining in anti-Semitic acts and attitudes; the industrial strikes; the dramatically arbitrary treatment of conscientious objectors: some respected, if only at arm's length; others fired; others imprisoned.

Croall is sceptical about the trustworthiness of memory. Few of those interviewed were able to recall the fear they felt at the time. But the book contains extracts from wartime diaries and letters and these, by contrast, are often raw with dread. By way of explanation, one interviewee likened fear to pain: "you tend to forget."

So how right had Croall's mother been? "Obviously, there were strong feelings of cohesion and community," he says. "People often did relate to the best in each other. But it wasn't true all the time and everywhere, and part of my purpose was to show how varied it was."

Peter Martin

● Don't You Know There's A War On? — The People's Voice 1939-45, *by Jonathon Croall, is published on Thursday by Hutchinson (£14.95).*

Heroism recalled

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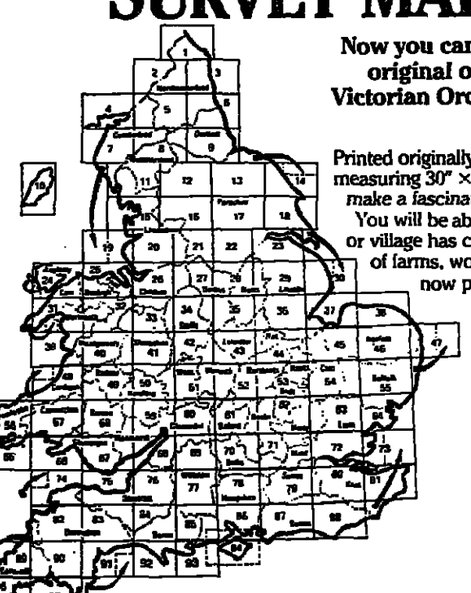
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TIMES DIARY

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Having found a safe and clamp-free zone just behind Madame Tussaud's in the early summer of 1987, I have tried to leave the car there ever since, in the deep belief that moving it only causes trouble, except on very occasional mid-winter Sunday afternoons when it is possible to take it out for brief exercise in Regent's Park without being forced, like some land-locked Flying Dutchman, to travel on in it for ever, futilely seeking another haven.

This does, however, lead to certain traumas with Tube tickets, not least at Baker Street station, where London Transport has perfected a whole new commuter network of traps for the unwary traveller. One of its best new wheezes is to sell return tickets to Heathrow without explaining that these are valid for only 24 hours. Given that few people go to Heathrow merely for lunch, or a trip around the Bay of Biscay on Concorde, it is reasonable to assume that many are likely to use the return half several days, if not weeks, later, and that's where the fun really starts.

Not only has London Transport now constructed the kind of automatic station barriers that make it impossible to enter or leave without an elaborate technical manoeuvre requiring a science degree, involving as it does a series of flashing lights and gates which will almost certainly slam shut during the next fire alert, but it has simultaneously abolished ticket collectors. It is thus possible to reach the barrier balancing several suitcases (trolleys being altogether too helpful an idea), only then to have your ticket rejected via a little television screen ordering you to "seek assistance".

Quite from whom, on a deserted Sunday night station, is never explained: those in real need of assistance are surely the people who thought little flashing screens could ever take the place of collectors empowered to negotiate out-of-date return tickets, take promissory notes, and maybe even help lift an occasional suitcase off an escalator, even assuming there was one still working anywhere on the Bakerloo line south of Harrow. If they are going to have little television screens by the exits they could at least start showing something sensible, like old movies, instead of daft travel messages.

I am, however, still devoted to airports and airlines – unlike London Transport, they have understood that passengers are much like convalescent patients, needing to be spoken to very slowly and clearly, fed whenever possible and shown films at the first sign of trouble. It was just 20 years ago this week that they showed the first film on a passenger aeroplane over the Atlantic, and although I would like to think it was *Reach For The Sky* or *Airport '69*, I suspect it was almost certainly something you couldn't quite hear through the headphones, starring Clint Eastwood.

What they show nowadays, at least on certain British Airways flights, is me: not for the entire journey, you understand, but for a few brief moments, suggesting what West End shows might be worth seeing or avoiding when the plane touches down in London. I rather like the idea of myself hovering eerily in the night sky, giving friends and relatives a nasty shock as they glance up from the duty-free prices.

BARRY FANTONI



'Good morning, war stress counsellor, I'm feeling a little better today.'

The weekend treat was an invitation to Cliveden, now a hotel of amazing and unrivalled luxury, where they have music festivals attended by classical pianists like Peter Katin and such expert lecturers as John Amis, who wears wonderful red and white tennis plimsolls with his dinner-jacket. I didn't even manage the dinner-jacket, having – as usual – forgotten to pack it. The butler who came to help me unpack (I did tell you the luxury was considerable) took the discreet view that I should have forgotten to pack all my other belongings as well, especially the shoes and the shirts, which he reckoned should be immediately donated to the needy, always assuming that any could be found in the immediate environs of Maidenhead.

Apart from that, the weekend was a triumph, not least because I discovered several Stephen Ward line-drawings of the famous in the billiards room, just next to a great many photographs of Lady Astor with Bernard Shaw and T.E. Lawrence, though curiously none of Joyce Grenfell, who spent many of her childhood Christmases there. Few houses can have had such a versatile history within this last century, and still fewer can be in such spectacular state of restoration and repair at the end of it.

Readers of *The Times* are still proving a rich and rare source of Overheards, the audience comments that I am trying to collect into a charity anthology for Aids. Best of the recent submissions are perhaps the two ladies at an Albert Hall Prom during the silence preceding the closing moments of Tchaikovsky's Fifth, one of whom was heard saying to the other: "No, no, we always fry ours in dripping."

Cathy Haill from the Theatre Museum reports a girl at the interval of *Les Misérables* saying to her companion: "Well, she's welcome to the sweatshirt, but if you ask me she hasn't even seen the show." I also quite like the little boy telling his father that if they were going to the Royal Tournament in a box, he should at least make sure it had holes through which they could breathe. More, please.

Philadelphia

Ethics and politics make awkward bedfellows. They are like two bears in one den, as Maxim Gorky remarked of Tolstoy and God. George Bush is taking a bit of a mauling from those bears right now, because in his first week in office he put a heavier public emphasis on ethics than it is prudent for a politician to do.

Ronald Reagan, as he rode into the sunset last month, had a stunning 68 per cent popularity rating in the polls. President Bush's rating last week stood at only 50 per cent. John Tower, Bush's nominee as Defence Secretary, is now caught between the new Administration's strong ethical emphasis on the one hand, and its relative political weakness on the other.

Tower's appointment, like all the others, has to be confirmed by the Senate. In most cases, this is a pleasant formality. Over 200 years senators have rejected only eight Cabinet nominees. So far most of Bush's nominees have had an easy passage, but John Tower is in deep trouble.

Like all the congressional committees in a Democratic Congress, the Armed Services Committee has a Democratic majority and a Democratic chairman. The chairman is Sam Nunn of Georgia, a formidable and respected senator.

Last week, when Bush pressed Nunn for an early vote on Tower, Nunn indicated that he was not yet satisfied about Tower's suitability, and that, if an immediate vote had to be taken, he would vote against him. Bush did not insist on an immediate vote. The Senate is now in recess for a week, with the Tower nomination still in suspense.

There are several reasons why Tower is in trouble. First, because of his lower popularity rating it is less dangerous to oppose a Bush than a Reagan nominee. To let most of the Bush nominees through, but pick off the most vulnerable one, seems a comfortable option to many Democratic senators.

Second, Tower is vulnerable because he is widely known as a heavy drinker and womanizer. It may be said that these pursuits are not necessarily incompatible with being an excellent Defence Secretary. If a reputation for heavy drinking was a barrier, Ulysses S. Grant would not have been allowed to lead the Union armies to victory, and if womanizing was a barrier an American version of Horatio Nelson could never become Navy Secretary.

In any case, heavy drinkers and womanizers are not exactly endangered species on Capitol Hill, any more than at Westminster. I think senators might have been indulgent to those foibles, had Bush not been going on so much about the highest ethical standards. The senators' reaction seems to have been: "You want to maintain the highest ethical standards in your Administration, Mr President? Then let's help you, by taking a long, hard look at John Tower."

As entertainment, the Tower scandal is the juiciest since the political demise of Gary Hart. But it has serious implications in political, military and fiscal areas, as well as in the ethical ones.

Tower was chairman of the Armed Services Committee during Reagan's first term as president. He became known as the Santa Claus of the military-industrial complex. Whatever the generals wanted, he got for them, and the defence contractors flourished accordingly.

Then Tower retired from the Senate and went into the private sector. Here he quickly earned hundreds of thousands of dollars as a "consultant" to some of those same defence contractors who had benefited so spectacularly from the Tower largesse when he was chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

These aspects of the Tower nomination have not bulked large in the media here: wine and women are more fun. But it may be assumed that Sam Nunn and his colleagues have the Tower record, first as chairman and then as defence consultant, very much in mind.

They ought to have. One of the most important functions of their committee is the reduction of opportunities for corruption and waste in the military budget, which more than anything else have contributed to the enormous federal deficit. In that context, even the Republican members of the Armed Services Committee must have some doubts about Tower's suitability.

Bush is believed to have promised Tower the Defence post as a reward for his campaign services, in Texas and elsewhere, which were strenuous and effective. Such a promise, granted Tower's record, may not be great as ethics, but it was quite good politics. The president must now be putting his trust in the tag about "poacher-turned-gamekeeper". But what if the old poacher's former companions were to blackmail the new gamekeeper?

Even if John Tower were as sober as John Knox and as chaste as Sir Galahad, he would still be an unsuitable Defence Secretary. If the Senate refuses to confirm him, it will be rendering a service to the country, and even to the new president.

And if the committee is out to get Tower, as I hope it is, its tactics seem sound. With every day of the suspense, and leak after leak, this once redoubtable figure becomes more of a butt, and so less dangerous to reject. It is a cruel process, but, in this case, one that is conducive to the public weal.

The two bears of ethics and politics may be giving Bush a bit of a mauling, but it rather looks as if those bears are about to eat John Tower.

Conor Cruise O'Brien on why Bush's man should not be appointed

Tower's just treatment

Humphrey Taylor

A tale of three health services

Most Britons think that fundamental changes are needed in the National Health Service. But, whatever its shortcomings, the NHS does not seem to be carrying much fat. Compared with the health-care systems of other countries, it is very lean without being particularly mean.

These are some of the findings of a recent survey which, for the first time, compared the health-care systems of Britain, the United States and Canada through the eyes of consumers. It shows that the US, while spending the most money, gets the lowest marks from its consumers. The Canadians, who spend a lot more than the British but much less than the Americans, feel they are the best-served. The British, spending much less, are more satisfied than Americans but much less satisfied than Canadians.

The results, when viewed beside other medical and economic statistics, show how very different are the three nations' systems. In Canada, the government pays most of the cost of health care for everyone out of taxes, and the government sets all fees charged by doctors and hospitals. In the US the government pays most of the cost of health care for the elderly, the poor and the disabled. Most other people have health insurance, paid for by their employers or bought from an insurance company. Some have no health insurance. Under both the Canadian and the US systems people can choose their own doctors and hospitals.

Of the three countries, Canada has the highest life expectancy and the lowest infant mortality. Only 4 per cent of Canadians fail to get the care they think they need each year. They are far more satisfied with the services they use. Only a tiny minority would prefer to change to a British-type NHS, or an American-type mixed public and private system. And a majority of Canadians, unlike the Americans or the British, believe their system works "pretty well". By almost any measure, except its cost, the Canadian system performs much better than either the British or American systems.

The Americans seem to get the worst of all worlds. They are the most critical of their system; only 10 per cent think it works "pretty well". They are much the most likely not to get the services they believe they need (mainly because they cannot afford them). And a majority (61 per cent) say they would prefer a Canadian-type system of national health insurance to what they have now. Paradoxically, however, Americans visit their doctor more often than either the Canadians or British.

Life expectancy in America is lower than it is in Canada and about the same as in Britain, while infant mortality in the US is higher than in Britain and much higher than in Canada. Furthermore, the American system is by far the most expensive in both dollars per capita and as a percentage of gross national product. And the growth of health-care spending has been fastest there.

On most measures, except cost, the British system falls between the good marks of Canada and the poor ones of the US. Satisfaction levels, with the system and with services, are higher than in America but well below the Canadian levels. Only one Briton in four (27 per cent) believes the system works "pretty well", while the great majority want either "fundamental changes" (52 per cent) or a completely new system (17 per cent).

However, most Britons would not like to change to a Canadian-type national insurance system or an American-type mixed system. And the great majority say they receive the care they believe they need (albeit that the 5 per cent who do not represent nearly three million people). Compared with Canada (and many West European countries), Britain's life expectancy and infant mortality statistics are poor to mediocre, even if better than American rates.

The one extraordinary success of the British system is its low cost and relatively low level of inflation. Britain not only spends much less on health care than the Americans and Canadians; it has done a better job of containing cost growth. By giving doctors and hospitals no incentives to drive up use of services, and controlling the price of those services, the NHS has avoided many of the economic problems of most other industrial countries.

The NHS provides some object lessons in unintended consequences. For years, its critics in the US spoke scornfully of "socialized medicine" and predicted it would be inefficient compared with the American so-called free market, fee-for-service system. In the event, and whatever its shortcomings, the NHS has proved to be the cheapest and one of the most cost-effective health-care systems in the industrial world. Aneurin Bevan may have had many things in mind when he created the NHS. But it seems unlikely that he intended Britain to spend less on health care than any other Western country.

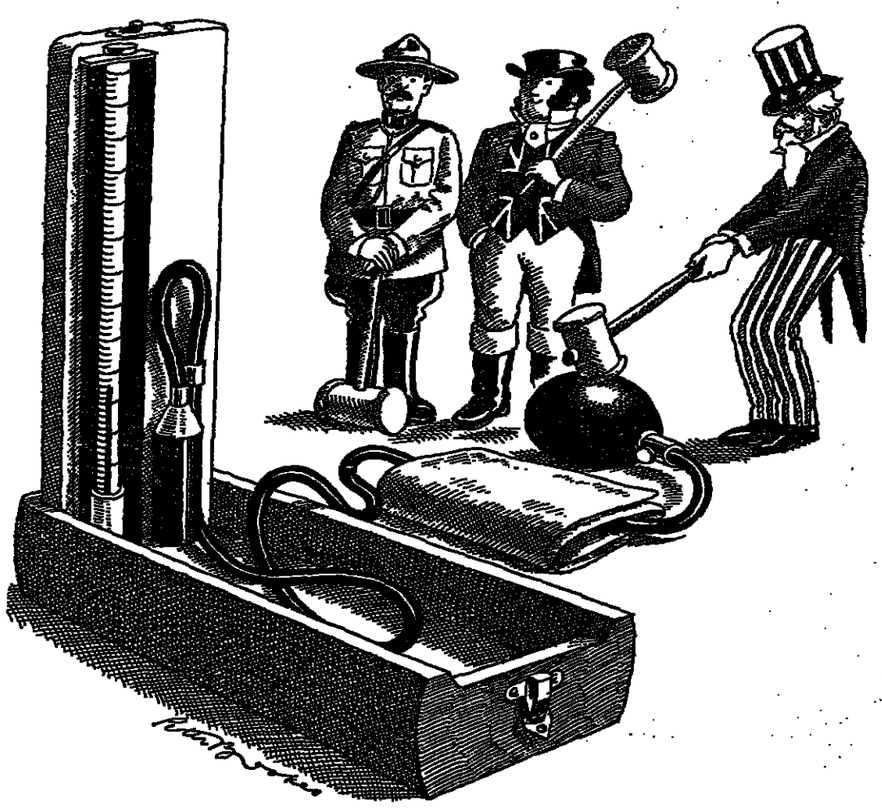
The outstanding performance of the Canadian system suggests it may have lessons for Britain. One big difference is that Canadians have the freedom to choose not only primary-care physicians, but also hospitals and specialists, and to go to them directly. Another is that Canadians have fewer queueing problems and have access to more high technology equipment and procedures. But these benefits are expensive and explain, at least in part, the much higher cost of Canadian health care.

Cost containment apart, the survey shows that the NHS is falling a long way short not only of the Canadian system but of what it could be, given more resources (and possibly, though we have no measure of this, better management).

British attitudes to health care differ from Canadian and American attitudes in one other important respect. When asked to choose the one area where they would most like to see more government money spent, only 28 per cent of Canadians and 24 per cent of Americans pick health care, and education tops the list in both countries.

In Britain a clear majority makes health care the top priority. Given how little the British spend on it compared with other countries, and what good value they get, these answers seem to make some sense. The new data suggest that there is not much wrong with the British health care system which could not be fixed with the injection of perhaps 1 per cent of GNP. Compared with those in other countries, the British system would still be a bargain.

The author is president of Louis Harris and Associates, New York. The survey was carried out by LHA with Harvard School of Public Health and was supported by the Baxter Foundation. Full results are published in the current issue of Health Management Quarterly.



SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES

	UK %	USA %	Can %
Those very satisfied with:			
Health care services used in last year	39	35	67
Most recent visit to a doctor	63	54	73
Most recent hospitalization	67	57	71

ATTITUDES TO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

	UK %	USA %	Can %
Our system works pretty well, only minor changes are necessary	27	10	56
There are some good things in our system but fundamental changes are needed	52	60	38
Our system has so much wrong with it that we need to rebuild it completely	17	29	5

SERVICE USAGE

	UK	USA	Can
Those who did not get medical care which was needed in the past 12 months (%)	5	13	4
Mean number of visits to the doctor in the past 12 months	5	7	6

HEALTH CARE STATISTICS

	UK	USA	Can
Life expectancy 1985	74.8	74.7	76.5
Infant mortality 1985 (per 1,000 births)	9.4	10.6	7.9
Per capita health care spending for 1986 (US$)	711	1,926	1,370
Health care spending as % of GNP 1985	6.2	11.1	8.5
Average increase per annum in real health care spending 1960-86 (%)	2.0	3.0	2.9

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Defending ethnic majorities

Sir Geoffrey Howe's initial response to the death sentence imposed on Salman Rushdie by Ayatollah Khomeini was typically pusillanimous. To say that he was "very concerned" and was "seeking urgent clarification" is not good enough. He should have been forthright in his condemnation of this incitement to international terrorism and assassination.

But the caution, timidity and fear displayed by the Foreign Secretary is no more than we have come to expect from our leaders in such circumstances. It is also typical of the reaction of the British political and cultural establishment to resident ayatollahs. Our history over the past decade has been one of almost constant compromise.

Nearly every militant demand made by an ethnic minority has been acceded to, and usually with alacrity. The fact that it is a minority, especially an ethnic one, seems in the eyes of some to give it a special status that places it beyond proper scrutiny and reasoned criticism.

The result has been that British traditions, culture and laws have had to be amended to meet the needs of those with values and mores fashioned in less civilized times and places.

The readiness to play fast and loose with our traditions was in evidence again in the response to the Bradford book-burning of *The Satanic Verses*. The Muslim men of Britain had hardly formulated their grievances before some of the liberal establishment were ready to sell out the product of more than 300 years of struggle for free speech and a free Press by advocating an extension of the law of blasphemy to cover all religions.

Yet the same kind of people were (quite rightly) the first to the barricades in the fight to ensure that everyone could read James Joyce's *Ulysses*, D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, Hubert Selby's *Last Exit to Brooklyn* and the rest. They were prominent in the defence of our right to view a galaxy of plays and films that the state had censored. They fiercely dispute the right of Mary Whitehouse to dictate our television viewing standards. These are the people who see themselves as the inheritors of English freedom and its literature, who use the arguments of Milton and Mill in defence of its universal availability.

They insist that we are adults capable of reaching rational judgements and making up our own minds. Yet immediately an ethnic minority complains, they are willing to have our reading dictated by the tastes of non-English speaking Muslims, many of them not long out of the villages of Bangladesh.

The reason for this is, of course, that we have been robbed of our self-confidence. We also lack the simple certainties and self-confidence enjoyed by the minorities. Yet we have no reason to be self deprecating. There is nothing wrong in asserting that the habits, customs, traditions and cultures of others are not only different from, but also less acceptable than, our own.

Yes, it is true, such an assertion runs the risk of being termed racist, if not also Fascist. Indeed, there are those who curry favour with every minority cause, irrespective of its virtue, who will rush to make the accusation and make it stick.

They have to be resisted. There is nothing racist in believing and asserting that the culture that has evolved in Britain over the past 1,000 years and more is to be preferred to that created elsewhere, if only because it is the one we are familiar with.

Who could reasonably argue that the culture that embraces a parliamentary democracy, in which the values of freedom, justice, fairness and toleration are pre-eminent, is not better than one which enjoins the burning of books, that passes a death sentence on a man for having unorthodox views, and whose British adherents can cheerfully and publicly proclaim that it is their intention to carry out the Ayatollah's wishes, if Rushdie gives them the chance?

There should be no hesitation at all in rejecting such a culture. There is certainly no need to believe it to be morally superior or ethically preferable. We have no reason to stand in awe of it or to make concessions to it.

It is, of course, one of the hallmarks of British culture that it is prepared to tolerate other points of view. It is a sign of a society's maturity that it can allow those of different traditions to co-exist peacefully. But accepting and tolerating other religions and cultures within our own does not mean that we have to defer to them.

Why should we? If Muslim immigrants cannot and will not accept British values and laws then there is no reason at all why the British should feel any need, still less compulsion, to accommodate theirs. We are not supplicants in our own country.

There should be no guilt about this. There is nothing in logic or morality that says we must accept it is permissible for a man to have several wives, that animals should be ritually slaughtered, that young girls be circumcized, and women be treated as chattels. Once we go down that road, we will quickly arrive at the market square where criminals are flogged, adulterers are stoned to death and thieves have their hands chopped off.

The Ayatollahs of the world wield power only because they have always been appeased. The Iranian people and the rest will have to answer to themselves for what they have allowed to happen. We can only speak for ourselves. It is time now to ensure the voice is clear, confident and true.

FEB 17 **ON THIS DAY** 1926

This minor encounter was the only time these two greatest of women tennis players between the wars met in competition. Appendicitis kept Miss Wills away from Wimbledon that year, and by 1927 Suzanne Lenglen had turned professional.

LAWN TENNIS

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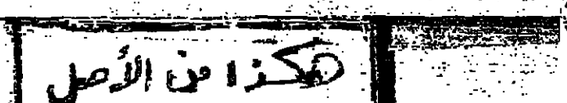
Mlle. Lenglen beat Miss Wills to-day on the Carlton Courts here in two straight sets (6-3, 8-6). The result of 14 games to nine and 82 points to 64 fairly reflects the character of the match, but Miss Wills made such a strong showing in the second set, in which she once led by five games to four, that most spectators were convinced that it will not be long before she succeeds. She has some beautiful shots and seems to be gaining knowledge of match play in each successive match.

The interest excited here by the match was enormous. Though extra stands, with a capacity of several hundreds, were specially erected, every seat was sold days in advance at 300 francs, or about £2 5s. each. The standing room, at 100 francs, was packed, and even the ridge pole of the steep roof adjoining the garage was crowded to the limits of safety at 50 francs. People were on every roof and at every window that overlooked the court and were perched in the highest branches of the neighbouring eucalyptus trees.

Both players were evidently nervous at starting, but Miss Wills was, naturally, the more affected, and the first set was uninteresting and play was not brilliant. In the course of that set Mlle. Lenglen won three love games, two on her own service, and finally the set at six games to three – 30 aces to 17. In the second set Miss Wills gained confidence.

The excitement was intense when she led by five games to four, at which point Miss Wills had scored 32 aces to 27 and had made them by hard and confident lawn tennis. Then it is possible that she tired. Mlle. Lenglen won the next game, on Miss Wills's service, after "deuce" had been called twice, and then came one of the most curious incidents ever seen on a lawn tennis court. Mlle. Lenglen, serving with the score in games 6-3, and 40-15, was again within a point of game. Miss Wills hit the ball deep into the left-hand corner and both players apparently considered that it was out. Miss Wills advanced to the net to congratulate the winner, the umpire called game, set, and match, and the spectators stood cheering and began breaking up. Suddenly it was said that the linesman had not called the ball "out". Everyone resumed his or her seat and the game was continued. The really thrilling moment came when Miss Wills won a point and went to "deuce," and then to vantage, but it was the end. Mlle. Lenglen, playing with extreme care and with perfect judgment, won the three next points for the set at 8-6, and the match. Mlle. Lenglen played a characteristically beautiful game throughout, and she did not make half a dozen mistakes or definitely bad shots. What Miss Wills won she earned. But it was coolness and experience that won in the end.





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BUDGET WARNINGS

The City's nervous response to better-than-expected unemployment figures is the clearest signal yet to the Chancellor that inflation is now the over-riding concern of the business community. With the Retail Price Index figures due today, the Government must be concerned that good news is received so pessimistically.

Yesterday's good news was that seasonally-adjusted unemployment has fallen, for the first time in eight years, below two million. Calculation of the figure has, it is true, become a political issue in itself; the figure, of 1,988,100, is of people claiming benefit and excludes not only those in Government training schemes but also, it may fairly be assumed, some tens of thousands more who are seeking work. Monthly statistics can be misleading: the seasonal adjustments, given the exceptionally mild weather, may have exaggerated the actual fall in joblessness. But, when all that is said, the trend continues to be clearly, and sharply, downwards: from 8.9 per cent of the labour force a year ago to 7 per cent today.

What ought principally to concern the Opposition, as it clearly does the Employment Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, is that the figures, once broken down, suggest a tightening labour market in some sectors coupled with a large number of people who are effectively outside it. Nearly half the unemployed, on last month's figures, have been out of work for more than a year, and a quarter of a million for more than five.

The West Midlands well illustrates the problem. It has experienced the largest drop in benefit claims in the country; but its long-term unemployment figures, at 46 per cent, are exceeded only in Northern Ireland. This suggests that new entrants on to the labour market are finding jobs, but not the blue-collar workers made redundant earlier in the decade.

Mr Fowler yesterday announced further plans to tackle "the crucial issue" of long-term unemployment through expansion of employment training and special measures for unemployed members of ethnic minorities. But the Government's task is likely to be complicated by upward pressures on pay, fuelled by inflation as well as skill shortages.

The underlying rate of wage claims, steady over the past few months at 8.75 per cent, was on the high side even given the 3.5 per cent growth in industrial output registered in 1988. It is much too high for the more sluggish rate anticipated in 1989. It is also, psychologically, high enough to generate fears of inflation and the old phenomenon of "cost-push" wage claims.

The Government has long ago retreated from the early purity of its doctrine that pay settlements are self-correcting, and that the Government's proper concern is the control of money supply, volumes of credit and exchange rates. Pay policy remains anathema, but both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor have increasingly emphasized the threat to sustained growth of exaggerated pay settlements. The tendency of pay to grow faster during periods of high economic growth than it falls during retrenchment remains characteristic of the British economy.

Employees have got used to rising real earnings. Labour market reforms — decentralization of collective bargaining, increased flexibility in the work force and more sophisticated management — which have dramatically improved productivity have justified this prosperity. But the current trends are regressive.

Last month's 2.2 per cent rise in manufacturing labour unit costs may be partly accounted for by flat production figures, but it raises questions about the scope for offsetting pay increases by further strong gains in productivity. A third of all pay reviews are normally conducted between January and April, and today's inflation figures, expected to be in the region of 7.25 per cent, will put further pressure on managements.

Renewed inflation, if it proves to be more than the "blip" discerned by the Chancellor, could also jeopardize the Government's public sector pay strategy. It has sought, correctly, to eradicate the concept of a national "going rate" based on the cost of living in favour of payments by results, linking settlements to disaggregated assessments of regional demand and to productivity deals.

The five sets of public sector pay round recommendations published yesterday bore, however, more than a shadow of a resemblance to the inflation rate. In an overall public sector bill of £1.5 billion, the £5 million allocated to experimental regional adjustments to nurses' pay looks less than radical and the role of incentive payments in the teachers' award remains modest.

The hard fact is that the Government's public sector pay strategy depends to an important extent on public confidence that inflation was under control. That confidence, as the Chancellor half-concedes, has been dented. That, however, is no argument for abandoning a strategy in the public sector which is introducing much-needed flexibility into the Civil Service.

The Chancellor's prospects of achieving the "soft landing" for the economy he seeks must still be rated high. But it may be at the cost of arresting the decline in unemployment. Most companies have achieved profit margins capable of absorbing part of their increased labour costs. The factory gate price increases last month suggests that they are choosing instead to pass them on to the consumer, a warning to the Government to keep a tight rein on monetary policy.

It may be time to revert to the lesson Mrs Thatcher tried so hard in the early 1980s to instil into the public consciousness: unearned wage increases translate into lost jobs. But to restore credibility to that message, an anti-inflationary Budget is no longer an option: it is an imperative.

FLAWED IDOL

While Mrs Winnie Mandela appeared as a shining international symbol for the anti-apartheid movement, she was retained in that role by the African National Congress, the United Democratic Front, and the South African trade unions. Once the shine was removed, so was her usefulness.

Yesterday's news of her abnegation by former supporters came as no great surprise. From outside she may appear a fallen idol. In South Africa the idol has long been clearly flawed.

She became famous as the wife of Mr Nelson Mandela, from whom she has been separated for most of their married life by his imprisonment. She has had to raise their children on her own, has known the frustration of living for many years under restriction orders and the oppression of jail and solitary confinement.

A handsome, articulate and intelligent woman, with a claim to political martyrdom, she seemed well qualified to become a heroine of black Africa. So it seemed to the Western media. The African National Congress, not over-endowed with charismatic leaders after Nelson Mandela's imprisonment, was content to let the spotlight fall upon her.

Her image outside South Africa was first tarnished three years ago when she said in a speech that the country would be liberated with "our boxes of matches and our necklaces" — an apparent endorsement of the so-called "necklace killings" of blacks accused of collaboration. Apologists said that she had just been swept away by her own rhetoric. None the less, white liberals were shocked and disappointed, while the incident nearly destroyed an ANC diplomatic initiative in the West.

Inside South Africa, anti-apartheid leaders, already unhappy over her taste for *haute couture* and the privileged education of her children, were further angered by the large house she built for her family in Soweto. It might have been financed by her sale of the film rights to the Mandela legend in America or by other business sponsors in the West. But wherever the money came from, "Winnie's Palace" in the township, became a focal point for local jealousy. Nelson Mandela himself is thought to have been instrumental in ensuring that it remains empty and incomplete.

The association with her so-called "football team," the 30-strong bodyguard hired to protect her, led to her current — and possibly final — fall from grace. "We have been outraged by the reign of terror that the team has been associated with" said the spokesman for the United Democratic Front yesterday.

The abduction of four black youths by "Mandela United" and the subsequent death of one of them, is understood to have prompted the ANC president, Mr Oliver Tambo, as well as Mr Mandela himself, to dissociate the movement from his wife. At one time a crowd of angry Soweto citizens were threatening to march on Mrs Mandela's home.

The burning down of her Brandfort house several years ago may have been the work of black children expressing the discontent of the black townships over Mrs Mandela's style of life. To that extent she might have felt in need of protection.

But the catalogue of brutality with which the "football team" has been associated, has become an increasing embarrassment to the ANC in Lusaka and to the blacks among whom she lived. Neither her image abroad as the victim of Pretoria's oppression nor the magic of her husband's name could save her. The so-called "Mother of the Nation" faces a long struggle to win back its affection.

Company priorities

From the Reverend Professor Jack Mahoney

Sir, Geoffrey Chandler is surely correct (February 9) in judging the current legal requirements of business companies outmoded, and in calling for recognition in law of the interests of all who have a stake in a company's activities, and not simply of its shareholders.

In the past 20 years business corporations have become, and been made, increasingly aware of their ethical responsibilities to the larger society of which they form an integral part and which they have great power to affect, whether for good or ill, in their various activities.

Such social responsibility cannot be discharged simply by "good citizenship" in the form of philanthropy or sponsorship, constructive and welcome though these activities may be. Responsibility begins at home, and a company's prime contribution to the public welfare must rest in the quality of its primary activities.

Recognition of this by law would contribute powerfully to encouraging a climate of concern for moral values.

Yours faithfully,
JACK MAHONEY (Director),
Business Ethics Research Centre,
King's College, Strand, WC2.
February 13.

Sunday trading

From the Bishop of Manchester

Sir, In your leader on the issue of Sunday trading (February 9), you claim that abandoning Sunday trading restrictions altogether is a popular proposal. This is far from proved.

Of course if you ask people if they would like more shops open on Sunday, a majority would indeed say "yes". But if the question pointed out that the inevitable consequence would be the abandonment of Sunday as a special day, there seems little doubt that a majority would be totally opposed. It all depends on how the question is asked.

You call for the abandonment of Sunday trading restrictions altogether as "the only sensible and consistent reform". The greatest inconsistency would be to claim that this can be achieved without destroying something which has been very precious in British life.

More and more shops are opening in Scotland on Sundays. Church leaders there hope that England will not go down the same road as the process would accelerate.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY MANCHESTER,
Bishopscourt,
Bury New Road,
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February 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A counter-blast to petrol claim

From Mr Stuart Sexton

Sir, Why change to unleaded petrol? A full-page advertisement in *The Times* (February 14) tells us "more and more people are switching to unleaded petrol because they believe it is better for their children and the environment". That really will not do!

Of course people will believe it because the media hype tells them it is better, but is it, by how much, and why? The advertisement goes on that they will "help make Britain lead-free"; absolute rubbish — there is plenty of lead in use in Britain, and a major source of lead pollution remains lead water pipes.

Instead of all this emotion, why not produce hard facts? Let us see, in further full-page advertisements, a thorough, verified, chemical analysis of the exhausts of motor vehicles using leaded and unleaded petrol, and for that matter, diesel as well. Let us see, per mile travelled, the relative polluting effect on the atmosphere of exhaust products from different fuels and different engines.

The lead in the exhaust from leaded petrol is in the relatively harmless form of insoluble lead oxides. But petrol (and diesel) both leaded and unleaded produces the much more dangerous and environmentally-damaging unburned hydro-carbons, nitrogen oxides, and, of course, carbon monoxide.

If the engine converted to unleaded petrol is less efficient and actually produces more unburned hydron-carbons, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxides than it would if running on leaded petrol, mile for mile, it would be better to stay with leaded petrol.

What might be less polluting is specifically-designed, more efficient engines, lead-free petrol, and catalytic after-burn converters. Where is the evidence that just switching to unleaded is *overall* less damaging to the atmosphere?

Yours faithfully,
STUART SEXTON (Director,
Education Unit,
The Institute of Economic Affairs),
Warlingham Park School,
Chelsham Common,
Warlingham, Surrey.
February 15.

Dog restrictions

From the Executive Director of the RSPCA

Sir, The RSPCA makes no apology for the stray dogs campaign which Mr Sinnatt, Secretary of the Kennel Club (February 14), appears to find so objectionable. His fear that the "poor taste" of our hard-hitting advertisements will alienate the public is not borne out by the thousands of people who have already registered support for the RSPCA's call for dog registration.

Mr Sinnatt's primary objection to such a scheme is that it would penalise the responsible dog-owner, who would be paying to cater for the shortcomings of the irresponsible. Leaving aside our belief that most dog-owners are not so selfish as the Kennel Club believes, and would back a reform designed to help animals less fortunate than their own, this argument presupposes that feckless owners can continue to evade their responsibilities. A properly run registration scheme would actually fund a national dog-warden service, with responsibility for enforcement and bringing to justice owners who try to evade paying fees.

Like the Kennel Club, the RSPCA believes education is crucial in the battle to promote responsible pet ownership and heartily welcomes initiatives like their new canine code. Mr Sinnatt might find the help a dedicated dog-warden service could provide in educating owners an invaluable resource. But the stray dogs problem cannot be solved through persuasion alone.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW RICHMOND,
Executive Director,
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
Causeway,
Horsham, West Sussex.
February 15.

Belief in the Bar

From Mr Michael Harvey, QC

Sir, Your report (February 9) that Mrs Townsley, the widow of the King's Cross fireman hero, will, in the words of her solicitor, "now be put through the trauma of a court appearance" because her claim for compensation has not been settled serves as a timely reminder of the apprehension felt by many litigants in the weeks preceding a civil trial.

It is at this stage that a litigant needs all the help that his solicitor can give. The last problem that he wants is any worry about the competence and experience of the advocate who is to present the case in court.

Under the present system the client is spared this worry. His solicitor, if he has not already done so, will have no difficulty in engaging a competent barrister with suitable experience in the field of law concerned. He has over 5,000 barristers to choose from. I doubt whether a comparable facility could be provided by solicitors were the Bar to wither and die through discouragement of new recruits.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HARVEY,
2 Crown Office Row,
Temple, EC4.
February 10.

Calming voices on 'Satanic Verses'

From Mr Om P. Midha

Sir, The pronouncement (report, February 15) by a religious leader that Salman Rushdie and all those concerned with the publication of *The Satanic Verses* should be put to death must reinforce our resolve to take all measures, irrespective of cost, to safeguard the democratic freedoms which we enjoy and value in this country.

Fortunately, the vast majority of Muslims who live here are law-abiding. It is essential that their leaders do take necessary measures to ensure that life and limb as well as the property of those who stand condemned and threatened, in the instant case on religious grounds only, are fully protected. The fact that people who remain true to their belief and stand on their rights are vilified and harassed in such an abominable fashion must bring to our minds the devastation which religious fanaticism is wreaking in this world.

Close to home is the intractable Irish problem. Cyprus is another example of a rift brought about by a similar disease. But what makes one shudder is the madness which has engulfed the countries stretching from India to Sri Lanka. The whole thing poses a painful question whether disputes rooted in religious differences are ever capable of being resolved.

Shouldn't we in the United Kingdom be quick to learn from the experience of others?

Yours sincerely,
OM MIDHA,
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Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne 3.

From Sir Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds (Conservative)

Sir, One can agree wholeheartedly with your denunciation of the Ayatollah's call for Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie (leading article, February 15) while disputing your conclusions.

I find *The Satanic Verses* distasteful and offensive, but I join with you in condemning as barbarous any head of state's attempt to intimidate the publishers and to procure the murder of their British author. At a time when the international community is trying to beat back terrorism the Ayatollah's words appear to make him an accessory in advance to a further international atrocity.

But there is far more to Anglo-Iranian relations than any single incident, just as there was more to that ghastly TV play, *Death of a Princess*. For instance:

1. Iran has just emerged from a terible war in which at the outset it was the victim of aggression and during which many of its citizens (as I saw for myself) were the targets of chemical warfare.
2. Britain, by virtue of the former Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (now BP's) wide knowledge of southern Iran and the Foreign Office's historic experience of northern Iran is better placed than any other Western nation to assist in repairing the damage done by the war to the advantage of British exporters, as well as to Iran.
3. The past year has seen the gradual emergence in Tehran of more moderate elements. And the Ayatollah Khomeini is even more of an embarrassment for them than he is for those of us who through thick and thin have been trying to repair the links between the British and the Persians.
4. Britain has a strong interest — as we have had for 100 years — in preventing the Iranians from lurching into the arms of the Russians, who may well have gone a long way towards draining the poisons out of Iranian-Soviet relations by their withdrawal from Afghanistan, and Mr Gorbachov's lessening of communism's atheistic pressures on the Muslim population of the USSR.

By all means let the Foreign Office demand a retraction of the Ayatollah's murder threat to Mr Rushdie and his mischief-making among the Muslim citizens of this country. But there is not — yet — any reason to reverse our gradual progression towards a formal restoration of diplomatic (as well as full trading) relations.

Britain will surely be better able to know what is going on, perhaps even to influence events once we have a British ambassador back in post in Tehran.

Yours faithfully,
ELDON GRIFFITHS,
House of Commons.
February 15.

From Mr Claud Morris

Sir, Your Religious Affairs Editor, Mr Clifford Longley, writes today (February 15) that the most a Muslim in Britain might concede in relation to the outcry about, and now threatened killing of Mr Salman Rushdie, is that Muslims have to follow the rules of co-existence in major non-Muslim communities.

The point is paramount. I recall an incident when in Abu Dhabi a request was received that two Christian churches (one Anglican, the other Catholic), should be removed from a prominent location on the sea-front where Muslim spokesmen had protested at their presence. The rule of co-existence was followed and the churches re-erected in a less prominent spot.

The ruler of the United Arab Emirates, H. H. Sheikh Zayed, who allows freedom to Christian churches to function in the country, followed the rule of co-existence. He did so in co-operation with the Catholic and Anglican communities concerned.

Every effort should now be made to educate and inform the Muslim community on the rules of co-existence and obedience to the law of the nation in which they live. Wiser counsels among them who recognise that tolerance is a two-way street will, I am sure, accept these rules as paramount.

Yours sincerely,
CLAUD MORRIS (Editor,
The Voice of the Arab World),
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February 15.

Press standards

From the Editor of The Star, *Sheffield*

Sir, Mr Tony Worthington, MP (February 15) is mischievously quoting the Guild of British Newspaper Editors to imply we do not see any problems with the correction of factual inaccuracies in newspapers and, by implication therefore, would have no problems with his Right of Reply Bill.

There would, indeed, be great problems — as *The Times* pointed out on February 3 in its leading article. The guild is opposed to statutory right-of-reply legislation. What we have said in the past is that most editors have no trouble within their existing editorial policies of correcting factual errors or dealing with the Press Council on a proper basis.

Mr Worthington's Bill, however, refers to "any inaccuracies" and he explained in conversation with the guild that he saw this extending beyond factual errors to comment pieces as well. That is getting us back to the ill-conceived earlier versions of right-of-reply Bills and their references to "distortion", "misrepresentation", and other equally undefinable words.

He is also mischievous when looking abroad and conveniently not mentioning other desirable things abroad such as enshrining freedom of the press in a constitution or having a freedom of information Act.

I note Mr Worthington quotes two newspapers in his letter as causing problems. Let us be generous and assume he is actually worried about half a dozen. I believe that leaves more than 1,800 newspapers in this country that cause him no concern.

Given that percentage problem, his Press Commission, Government-appointed quango is a rather large sledgehammer.

Yours sincerely,
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The Star (Chairman,
Parliamentary and Legal
Committee, Guild of British
Newspaper Editors),
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York Street,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
February 15.

V & A closures

From Mr Terence Mullaly

Sir, You are right to declare (leading article, February 8) that much discussion of the present restructuring at the V & A has become muddled. Nor have a week's arguments and much pontificating elsewhere clarified the issues. What needs to be defined is the cause of the confusion.

It is that too often the beautiful work of art or the object of interest is forgotten. When the object is remembered, it should be clear that no research, however much it may be concerned with detail or may probe unrecognised or unfashionable avenues, is esoteric. All serious research enhances understanding and appreciation. The crux of the matter is that it is meaningless unless based on intimate contact with the work of art.

You say you are backing a campaign to bring more people through the doors of our museums. Surely this is not to bring them in out of the rain? Rather it is to enrich their lives.

This can be achieved only when understanding and appreciation are soundly based. To make redundant many of the finest scholars at the V & A is to deny this truth. It is not they who should go, but the director who has put forward a scheme which is a travesty of a great tradition.

Yours truly,
TERENCE MULLALY,
Waterside House, Lower Street,
Pulborough, West Sussex.

From Miss Elizabeth M. Aslin

Sir, It has been stated that the proposed changes at the Victoria and Albert Musuem will relieve the curatorial staff of their "housekeeping" duties to allow them time for research. Those aspects of V & A "housekeeping" which dismay the general public — dirty and closed galleries and unlit displays — are not and never have been the responsibility of the curators. They can only send repeated requisitions to an administration that rarely responds. The curators are forbidden to renew even a light bulb of their own volition.

The museum has been taken over by ill-organised and unmotivated administrators. This process should be reversed, not accelerated. Let the people who care — the curators — do the job.

Yours faithfully,
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February 12.

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Putting a value on GPs' time

From Dr J. M. N. Launer

Sir, The White Paper on the health service emphasises the role of the general practitioner as gatekeeper to the hospital service. How important is this role in reality?

Last week I saw 139 patients, which is a below-average workload for a GP. One patient needed urgent admission to the nearest hospital. Five were elderly people with multiple disabilities needing a local specialist opinion in outpatients. Three patients needed referral for possible elective surgery.

For the remainder of my patients — the overwhelming majority — hospital was neither necessary nor relevant. About 50 per cent of my time was occupied in monitoring and treating long-standing conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy, senile dementia, menopausal symptoms, providing contraceptive services, and visiting the housebound, the new-born and the dying. The rest of my time was divided about equally between counselling for psychological problems and advising on providing simple treatments for minor illnesses.

If we are to think of GPs as providing commodities, let us be clear that my most valuable commodity is time. Without adequate time I cannot counsel, cannot advise, cannot prevent, cannot keep adequate records and recall systems, cannot build trusting relationships with local consultants and multi-disciplinary teams.

Yet what the White Paper most threatens to take away from me is my time. I will need time to compete for several hundred more patients in order to prevent my income from dropping, time to see them all, time to administer a huge budget, time to seek tenders for referrals.

If I was a provider of motor cars or hamburgers I might willingly rise to the challenge of such a productivity deal. As a person who provides time for other people I feel sickened by it.

Yours faithfully,
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February 10.

Left-wing 'myth'

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, In your assessment of "Mr Kinnock's problems" (leading article, February 13) you repeat the myth that Labour's leader faces harassment from the left: "Left-wing activists dominate too many unions and too many constituency parties and hold too many parliamentary seats".

Such a claim might have been justified five or 10 years ago, but not now. The left used to have a majority on Labour's national executive; it is now outvoted regularly by three to one. Not one of the 12 places elected by trade union delegates is occupied by a "left-wing activist".

In last autumn's deputy leadership election, only 82 constituency parties voted for the "left-wing activists'" candidate, Eric Heffer; 367 voted for Roy Hattersley. In the shadow cabinet elections, none of the 15 places went to an MP whom the "left-wing activists" would regard as one of their own.

You ask how Mr Kinnock is to shed the "albatross" of left-wing domination. The answer is simple. The albatross is dead, all it needs now is a decent and properly reported burial.

Yours faithfully,
S. STERNBERG
(Deputy Chairman),
Labour Finance and Industry Group,
Star House, Grafton Road, NW5.
February 15.

Train alarm snag

From Mr C. H. Collingwood

Sir, Your report (February 13) on the gang attack on the train noted that the transport police were wondering why the communication cord was not pulled.

The answer is simple. On Thameslink the carriages do not have communication cords. Alarms are situated at the exits in the middle and at each end of the carriage. They are not accessible to seated passengers. By simply positioning members of the gang next to the alarms, passengers are easily prevented from sounding the alarm.

It would seem that the carriage designers neglected the purpose of the communication cord, when arriving at an ergonomic and cost-effective design.

Yours etc.,
C. H. COLLINGWOOD,
18 Clarence Road,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.

Fast food

From Mr H. R. Gamper

Sir, Last Monday we took the remains of the turkey from the deep freeze.

The next day we received a pamphlet, "Order from your milkman and make sure of a special delivery for Christmas, 1989".

And they say Dorset is behind the times!

Yours faithfully,
HENRY R. GAMPER,
Langarth, School Lane,
Melbury Abbas,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.
February 3.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: The Right Reverend Robin Woods had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Prelate of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George and delivered up the Badge of Office. Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Mrs Woods had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Bishop of Coventry (the Right Reverend Simon Barrington-Ward) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Prelate of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George when The Queen handed him The Badge of Office.

His Excellency Mr Nurver Nures had the honour of being received by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Turkey to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Hayati Soysal (First Counsellor), Colonel Erdogan Karakus (Air Attaché), Mr Yuksel Ozer (Education Counsellor), Mr Ercihan Duzgunoglu (Cultural and Information Consellor), Mr Hasan Gogus (Counsellor), Mr Vefahan Ocak (Counsellor), Mr Ahmet Necati Bigali (Second Secretary), and Mr M. Raif Karaca (Second Secretary).

Mrs Nures had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Richard Best was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Reykjavik.

Mrs Best had the honour of being received by the Queen.

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Pascoe had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Aide de Camp General to Her Majesty.

Mr Kevan Yoxall had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Duchess of York, President of Action Research for the Crippled Child, this morning visited the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London W6.

Her Royal Highness later visited the Neonatal Unit at Hammersmith Hospital, London W6.

The Duchess of York was received by the Lord Dainton (Chairman of the Postgraduate Medical School) and Mr Christopher Bland (Chairman of the Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte's Special Health Authority).

Mrs John Spooner was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 16: The Prince of Wales received the Right Hon Sir Ian Gilmour, Bt, MP and Sir Dennis Walters, MP at St James's Palace, SW1.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London Symphony Chorus, attended a performance of Verdi's Requiem at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Bates, actor, 55; Sir Eric Clayson, former chairman, Birmingham Post and Mail Group, 81; the Earl of Elgin, 65; Lord Foot, 80; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and author, 55; Lord Kearton, 78; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 48; General Sir John Mogg, 76; Sir Orby Mootham, former Chief Justice, Allahabad, 88; Dr Claire Palley, principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 58; Sir Reginald Pullen, former receiver-general, Westminster Abbey, 67; Mr T.C Ravensdale, diplomat, 84; Mrs Ruth Rendell, crime novelist, 59; the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, 60; Sir Gordon Slynn, a judge of the Court of Justice, European Communities, 59, Commandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 67; Mr Elleston Trevor, author, 68; Sir Anthony Wilson, former accountancy adviser to HM Treasury, 61.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Berlei Factory Unit 12, Rassau Industrial Estate, Ebbw Vale, Gwent, at 9.45; and Gossard, Penmaen Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, at 11.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit two traveller sites at Shire Newton and Rover Way, Cardiff, at 12.00 and will then preside at the launch in Cardiff of the fund's renewed presence in Wales.

Luncheon

HM Government
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Han Seung-Soo, Korean Minister for Trade and Industry.

Service dinners

HMS Neptune
Commander A.W.V. Thomson presided at a ladies night dinner held last night in the Wardroom of HMS Neptune in the Clyde Submarine Base. Rear-Admiral P.F. Grenier, Flag Officer Submarines, was the guest speaker.

RN College, Greenwich
Commander D.R.S. Lewis, Commander of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. Miss Kate Adie was the guest of honour.

The Royal Green Jackets
General Sir Robert Pascoe presided at the annual dinner of The Royal Green Jackets Officers' Club held last night at the London Club.

Headquarters Strike Command
Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, received Squadron Leader A.R. Finding and Flight Lieutenant P.S. Mackenzie when they were dined out last night at Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe. Group Captain P. Holland, presided.

Sir Edward Tuckwell

A Memorial Service for Sir Edward Tuckwell, KCVO, MCh, FRCS, will be held on Thursday, February 23, at 11.30 am in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London.

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Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher gave a dinner last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Bangladesh and Begum Ershad. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Bangladesh and Mrs Saifullah, Mr Anisul Islam Mahmud, Professor M A Matin, Major-General Muhammad Ashraf Hossain, Major-General Mazoor Rashid Khan, Mr Enam Ahmed Choudhury, Mr A K M Musharraf Hussain, Major-General M Malin, Mr A Toab Khan, Brigadier M G Rabbani, Brigadier Nasiruddin Ahmed, Mr Zias Shams Chowdhury, Colonel Anwar, Colonel Sharif Aziz, Mr Obaidul Huq, Mr Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham, Mr Kenneth Baker MP and Mrs Baker, Lord Glenarthur, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Mr Peter Shore, MP, and Dr Shore, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Mr and Mrs Charles Wilson, Mr and Mrs Brian Barnes, Dr and Mrs William Radice, Professor James Lovelock, Professor and Mrs Roland Smith, Mr and Mrs Michael Angus, Mr and Mrs Patrick Sheehy, the Hon John and Mrs Eccles, Lord King of Wartnaby, Mr J F Ries, Mr David Hoolway, Mr and Mrs Christopher Chataway, Miss Pat Kerr, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr and Mrs Terry Streeton, Mr and Mrs Andrew Turnbull and Mr and Mrs Charles Powell.

Association of Consulting Engineers
Mr G.H. Coates, Chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Sir Godfrey Messervy presented the 1989 Young Engineer of the Year Award to Mr M.D. Haigh and Sir Gordon Manzie also spoke.

Concert

Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society
The Colombian Ambassador and Mrs Gloria Cepeda and Mr J.R. Monroy, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society, attended a concert held yesterday at St John's Smith Square, given by Miss Maria Senn, mezzo-soprano, and Mr Courtney Kenny, piano, and sponsored by Findlater Mackie Todd & Co Ltd, Nescafe Cap Colombie and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Among those present were:

Mr Tim Eggar, MP, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Eggar, Mr P R Fearn, CMG, Assistant Under Secretary of State, and Mrs Fearn, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, and Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Ray Whitney, MP, and Mrs Whitney, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, and Mrs Rathbone, The Ambassador of Indonesia and Mrs Umi Suhartoyo, the Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Helene Zeghnoun, the High Commissioner for Trinidad & Tobago and Mrs Greer Assam, the Ambassador of Chile and Mrs Maria Paz de Delano, the Ambassador of Ecuador, Dr Jose Antonio Correa, Senora Lic Maria de Los Angeles Lopez-Ortega de Dreidger, Minister, Mexican Embassy, M. and Mme Robert G de Vos, Netherlands, Mr A F Beltrao, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization, and Mrs Beltrao and M. J H Parotte, International Wheat Council, and Mme Parotte.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Robert Hazell, head of the crime prevention division of the Home Office, to be Director of the Nuffield Foundation, in succession to Mr James Cornford.

Mr David Butler to be Deputy Director of National Savings in October, in succession to Mr Roy Wilson, who is to retire.

Mr Frank Strickland, of the North of England Building Society, to be Chairman of the Council of the Building Societies Association.

Latest wills

Mrs Winifred **Gardner**, of Halam, Nottinghamshire, left estate valued at £3,777,317 net. She left her estate mostly to personal legatees.

Dora Edith Margot **Radzick**, left estate valued at £197,067 net. She left the entire amount to the British Red Cross Society, for the benefit of children in under developed countries.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.D. Aldridge and Miss T.M. Bowes
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mrs E.D. Aldridge and the late Mr A.R. Aldridge, of Pimlico, London, and Theresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Bowes, of Hornchurch, Essex.

Mr J.A. Bretherton and Miss R. Hurdle
The engagement is announced between John Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Bretherton, of Marton, Blackpool, and Roxanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Hurdle, of Goostrey, Cheshire.

Mr A.J.G. Coghlan and Miss A.A. McDougall
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr T.G. Coghlan, of Durban, and Mrs Paul Batting, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.S. McDougall, of Strathblane, Stirlingshire.

Mr M.G.J. Dabell and Miss K.S. Turner
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dabell, of Redlynch, Wiltshire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr Gordon Turner, of Beckenham, Kent, and Mrs Sarah Turner, of Wrotham, Kent.

Mr G.A. Davidson and Miss S.E. Djanogly
The engagement is announced between Gerald, only son of Mr and Mrs E.W. Davidson, and Simone, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Djanogly.

Mr R.J. Gordon and Dr E.A. Linton
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Gordon, of Elloughton, North Humberside, and Elizabeth Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Linton, of Vickers Cross, Chester.

Mr J.M. Hedges and Miss S.A. Estella
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs John Hedges, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, and Stacey, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Estella, of Sydney, Australia.

Professor G.R. Hervey and Dr M.S. Bailey
The engagement is announced between Professor Romaine Hervey, husband of the late Dr Elizabeth Hervey, of Wike, Leeds, and Dr Morag Bailey, widow of the Rev Dr D. Sherwin Bailey, of Wells, Somerset.

Mr M.J. Orchard and Miss R. Beltram
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of the late Mr Leslie Orchard and of Mrs Joyce Orchard, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Beltram, of Abbots Gardens, London, N2.

Mr M.J. Owens and Miss A.M. Eedle
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Owens, of Chester, and Angela, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs D.S. Eedle, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Captain J.P.B. Perks and Lieutenant B.M. Pulverman, WRAC
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Paul Bowman Perks, Royal Signals, youngest son of the late Lieutenant Commander P.H. Perks, RN, and of Mrs M.P. Perks, of Halifax, Yorkshire, and Bridget Mary, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs T.R.M. Pulverman, of Maids Moreton, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.F. Rae-Smith and Miss F.A. Hatton
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr R.G. Rae-Smith and of Mrs M.K. Rae-Smith, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Felicity, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs S. Hatton, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.R. Ralph and Miss K.S. Lowe
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Ralph, of North Cadbury, Somerset, and Karen Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.D. Lowe, of Purbrook, Hampshire.

Mr M.H. Redmayne and Miss E.J. Davies
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs William Redmayne, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, and Emma Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Davies, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr N.P. Rubega and Miss L.H. Ronson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs A. Rubega, of Banbury, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Ronson, of Oxford and Hong Kong.

Mr J.N. Sturgis and Miss L.M. Olivera
The engagement is announced between James Nathaniel Sturgis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tim Sturgis, of Hampstead, London, and Leticia Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eddie Olivera, of Union City, New Jersey, USA.

Mr D.C. Williams and Miss J.H. Cooper
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Williams, of Headley Park, Headley, and Helen, only daughter of Mrs Sam Hall, of Punchbowl Lane, Dorking, and Mr D.C. Cooper, of Seal, Kent.

Mr S.P.R. Witter and Miss L.A. Niven
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Witter, of Cossington, Somerset, and Leslie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Niven, of Sandgate, Kent.

Marriages

Mr D.M. Bryant and Mrs J.P. Lees
Mr Dennis Bryant and Mrs Joanna Lees (née Williams) were married privately on February 16.

Colonel A. Way and Mrs A. Methven
A marriage took place in London on February 10, 1989, between Colonel Anthony Way and Mrs Anthea Methven.

Sternberg honour



Sir Sigmund Sternberg receiving the insignia of an officer brother of the Order of St John from Lord Grey of Naunton, Lord Prior of St John, at the Grand Priory Church, Clerkenwell, London, yesterday.

Record price for German doll

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A dimpled, blue eyed doll complete with a sky blue dress and a fair mohair wig, fetched a record price of £90,200 for a doll at Sotheby's London yesterday, quadrupling its estimate. It was bought by a French collector, Madame Vierny, who plans to open a museum of childhood in Paris with the doll as the centrepiece.

One of the rarest examples by the German company Kammer and Reinhardt, and dated around 1909, it was offered complete with a spare white dress. A similar doll, modelled from presumably the same child, fetched £24,200 at Sotheby's in May 1986. The previous record was £67,000.

Toys for the boys reached a new high at the same sale, when a tin plate battleship called "Maine" sold anonymously for £39,600. The estimate had been £11,000 to £15,000, and the previous record for a tin plate toy, £28,000.

Made by the German manufacturers, Marklin, in around 1904, this 21-inch ship was sold complete with original guns, masts and cunningly concealed clockwork mechanism.

A group of 400 colourfully illustrated Victorian and Edwardian envelopes fetched £208,729 at Phillips London yesterday, with all but 5 per cent sold.

Top lot was an unused envelope painted by one "Macgregor of Edinburgh", showing four continents on its four corners. This fetched £8,250 (estimate £250) selling to a British collector. The price was equal to the previous record for a pictorial envelope.

Scribbles were going for a premium at Sotheby's New York on Wednesday night when one example, dated 1982, fetched $561,000 (£312,971). It was a record price for Cy Twombly, the 61-year-old American artist who specializes in "written images" (doodles to the layman) influenced by that great paint-dribbler, Jackson Pollock.

Also in New York, 19 art works from the collection of Jean Michel Basquiat, Andy Warhol's young black artist-protegee who died last year of Aids, is at the centre of a dispute after Christie's contemporary art sale on Tuesday.

"A lawyer on behalf of Kelly Inman, the artist's girlfriend, challenged the seller's title to the property", said a spokesman. Although unable to stop the sale, the lawyer did manage to obtain a restraining order on the distribution of the proceeds. A hearing is expected by the end of this month.

Highest prices were for Andy Warhol's "Drag Queen," a silkscreen image of 1975 which tripled its estimate at $176,000 (£99,435), while his "Shoes" sold for £74,576 to a London dealer. A wig and hairpiece once worn by Warhol, and now framed, were withdrawn.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIMechE:

Dr E W Abel, Dundee; Dr G Y Alexander, Kilkenny; Dr K M M Arafin, Edgware; Mr K B Armstrong, Sunbury-on-Thames; Mr J C S Beasley, London; Mr R J D Bertrand, South Croydon; Mr U S Bhachu, Prospect, USA; Mr J B Bowcock, Reading; Mr D Clouston, Stapleywade; Mr S Crooks, Southport; Mr T J David, Awali, Bahrain; Mr J R Dent, Ravenshead; Mr M R Duckett, Horsell; Mr J N Fawell, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mr A N Gibb, Woking; Mr W L Goldie, Milton of Campsie; Mr R G Gough, Guildford; Mr R W Harrison, Slough; Mr D P James, Orrell; Mr A T Jones, Missenden; Mr G S Kumar Martin, USA; Mr J G Lee, Rochdale; Mr J B Ley, Porthcawl; Mr J A Liddle, Whitchurch, Shropshire; Mr R M Littlewood, Eccleshall.

Mr D C McWhannell, Dundee; Mr J C Pippins, Swansea; Mr J A Potts, Welwyn; Rear Admiral D M Pulvertaft, Ministry of Defence; Mr P R Rees, Porthcawl; Lieutenant Commander E Rider, Royal Navy; Mr P Robson, Largs; Mr C Ruffles, Allestree; Mr R W Smedley, Stoke Bishop; Mr D T Smith, Troon; Mr J D Summers-Smith, Guisborough; Mr T J Tovey, Godalming; Mr Chin Ping Tse, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Mr M E Walker, Redditch; Mr T Wallace, Anstey; Mr C H Waller, St Albans; Mr D J Wilkes, Ashtead; Mr J W Wilson, Milton Keynes; Mr Hoh Wing, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia; Mr C M Wood, Worthing.

The Sacred Heart School

Scholarships and Awards 1989
The following scholarships and awards were given to girls with effect from September 1989 (except as stated).

Scholarships: Abigail Orenden, Sacred Heart School, Wadhurst; Louise Tomsett, Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells; Sherrianne Wright, Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells.

Exhibitions: Laura Barnes, Stowgate Primary School; Sara Oakes, Hill House, Uckfield; Helen Cowan, The Mead School, Tunbridge Wells; Rachel Horsen, Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells; Fiona Whitehead, Claremont Primary School, Tunbridge Wells; Charlotte Price, Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells (1990 for Sixth Form).

Special Awards: Samantha Jarvis, Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells; Louisa Van Maurik, St Andrew's School, Edenbridge.

The Independent Schools Information Service

Mrs Margaret Spurr, Headmistress of Bolton School (Girls' Division) will succeed Mr David Engleheart as Regional Director of ISIS Central England on January 1, 1990.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; René Laënnec, physician, inventor of the stethoscope, Quimper, France, 1781; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, composer, Whitchurch, Shropshire, 1862; A. B. ('Banjo') Paterson, poet and journalist, author of "Waltzing Matilda", Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burned at the stake, Rome, 1600; Moliere, Paris, 1673; James Macpherson, poet, Inverness, 1796; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; John Martin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1854; Heinrich Heine, poet, Paris, 1856; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache chief, Fort Still, Oklahoma, 1908; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, prime minister of Canada 1896-1911, Ottawa, 1919; Albert, King of the Belgians, 1909-34, Marche-Les-Dames, Belgium, 1934; Hans Hofmann, Expressionist painter, New York, 1966; Samuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel laureate 1966, Jerusalem, 1970.

Polytechnic news

Birmingham
An honorary fellowship of the polytechnic is to be awarded to Dr Alex Wilson, a former president of the Library Association, who was chief librarian in Dudley and Coventry.

University news

Oxford
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Chancellor of Oxford University, and Mr Takiyi Shidachi, President of the Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation, have unveiled a plaque at the Oxford Union to mark a £1 million donation by the banking group.

The money will be used to refurbish and renovate the 165-year-old Oxford Union building.

Cambridge
University election
Dr D L McMullen, of St John's College, University Lecturer in Chinese Studies, has been elected to the Professorship of Chinese from October 1.

College Elections

MAGDALENE COLLEGE
Elected to a Fellowship and to a College Lectureship in Geography: Dr T. Spencer, University Lecturer in the Department of Geography.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE
Elected to Honorary Fellowships, Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bristol and Prof R.K. Orr

Elected to an Official Fellowship: Dr R J Mears, University Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Engineering.

Elected to a Supernumerary Fellowship, Dr J R Raven, Research Fellow of the College.

Elected to a Drapers' Research Fellowship: Dr S.H. Maid, of Emmanuel College.

Elected to a Mawdsley Research Fellowship in Engineering: R.V. Pesky, of Sidney Sussex College.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD ROUD

Festival director who favoured all films French



Perhaps more than any other single person Richard Roud, who died aged 59, in Nimes on February 13, following a heart attack, was responsible for raising the consciousness of British filmgoers to the advances and innovations of the French cinema's New Wave, which began at the end of the 1950s.

To do this he had an obvious double advantage. Not only was he Film Critic of *The Guardian* during the vital years but he also became in 1960 director of the London Film Festival, after having programmed several of the National Film Theatre's seasons which first introduced us to Truffaut, Godard, Resnais and others of their explosive generation.

Indeed, before he was ever writing about films he had the further advantage of a partially French education, a broad and eccentric, largely Paris-centred cultural background and personal friendship with many of the filmmakers who came out of *Cahiers du Cinéma* magazine even before they had begun to make their mark in movies.

Roud was born in Boston, Mass, on July 6, 1929, into a second-generation immigrant family originally from Riga. He was educated at the University of Wisconsin, then on a Fulbright scholarship at the University of Montpelier and finally at Birmingham University.

Liking, and feeling at home in, England, he began his career in education, teaching English grammar to American troops stationed in England, and gravitated towards the British Film Institute, where he started writing for *Sight and Sound* and programming seasons at the National Film Theatre, as a result of which he ultimately became the overall programme director there.

He was deeply involved with the London Film Festival from its inception in 1957, and in 1960 became its director. He had his favourites among the new French filmmakers — and film-makers of any other nationality, for that matter. He made no secret of his likes and dislikes: it was indeed the highly personal and sometimes quirky nature of his taste which made his festivals so stimulating.

In 1963 he became film critic of *The Guardian* which gave him another platform, and in the same year was asked to become first director of the New York Film Festival, which in its modest beginnings was designed, like the LFF, as a non-competitive festival of festivals. Shortly afterwards he published the first book in English on Jean-Luc Godard.

The Sixties were his *anni mirabiles*. In 1969 he had to choose between the London and New York festivals (he chose New York) and in 1970 he decided he was travelling too much to continue as film critic of the *Guardian*. Instead he reported on the arts around the world for the same paper.

A book on another of his favourite film-makers, Jean-Marie Straub, came out in 1971, and for several of the ensuing years he was working on the editing of an ambitious two-volume anthology *Cinema: A Critical Dictionary* which finally appeared in 1980.

Meanwhile he continued to take the New York Festival from success to success commuting (slowly, since he refused to fly) between New York and Paris. In 1983 he published *A Passion for Films*, a personal portrait of Henri Langlois, founder and most controversial element in the Cinemathèque Française, whose brusque dismissal in 1968 had helped to unleash the Paris évènements of that May. Langlois had been a friend as well as a longtime collaborator of Roud's and the book was vivid and touching as well as informative.

At the time of his death Roud was working on a biography of François Truffaut, with whom also he had had a long personal as well as professional association.

Roud's last years were somewhat overshadowed by failing health (he had a serious heart attack in the summer of 1987) and all the upsets occasioned by his out-of-hand dismissal from the directorship of the New York Festival just after its most successful edition ever.

He handled the whole incident with extraordinary dignity, and shortly before his death had undertaken to direct a new film festival in Florida, to be devoted exclusively to French cinema, his first love as well as his last.

He was made Chevalier du Légion d'Honneur for his service to French culture.

He never married.

THOMAS BERNHARD

Enfant terrible of the Austrian stage

The Austrian autobiographer, novelist, poet and playwright Thomas Bernhard, thought by many of his compatriots to be one of the greatest writers of the century — and by almost as many others to be little worthy of notice — died of a heart attack. He had just turned 58.

Last November his play, *Heldenplatz* (Heroes' Square), caused a furore at its world premiere at the Vienna Burgtheater, accusing Viennese, as it did, of being anti-Semitic and fascist, by nature. Demonstrations followed the performance of the piece, which President Kurt Waldheim called a "crude insult to the Austrian people".

Nevertheless, over the past 10 years Bernhard's international reputation had been very steadily growing.

He was born in Holland of Austrian parents, on February 10, 1931. He was raised, for much of the time in rural Austria and Bavaria, mostly by his maternal grandfather, Johannes Freumbichler (1881-1949), an exceedingly eccentric writer.

Bernhard's education, at a boarding school in Salzburg, was a very troubled one, owing to his odd behaviour and temperament. Later he had an extensive musical training at the Mozarteum there.

In 1948 he came so close to death with tuberculosis that he was given the last rites. But he recovered, and was able to continue his musical education, and to study theatre, meanwhile supporting himself as a court reporter.

In 1957 and 1958 he published three derivitive books of verse, of which the first was *Auf der Erde und in der Hölle* (On Earth and in Hell).

Then, in 1963, he published his first novel, *Frost*. This instantly marked him out. It was characteristic of most that was to come from his prolific pen. A cantankerous, aggressive and sarcastic author (in part suggested by his grandfather), given to attacking all and everything, tells the story of his flight to a bleak and backward village, inhabited by a brutalized peasantry. Reminscent in certain respects of Louis-Ferdinand Céline, it was nonetheless extraordinarily original, particularly in its technique of imbedding one furious monologue in another, and in its use of 12-tone structures.

Verstörung (1967), translated into English as *Gargoyles* (1970), followed, and showed an elaborate development of these techniques and moods. Themes of suicide, insanity and enraged narcissism obsessed Bernhard in this and in succeeding novels.

From 1965 he lived by himself in a farmhouse in Upper Austria, whence he proceeded, deeply influenced by his Wittgenstein, to denounce the world, and in particular his own country and its institutions. His justification for this is given, in lurid detail, in successive volumes of autobiography, of which the first three are *Die Ursache* (1975, The Cause), *Der Keller* (1976, The Cellar), and *Der Atem* (1978, The Breath).

In the novel *Korrektur* (1975), translated as *Corrections* (1979), possibly his greatest work, he tells the story of a man in many ways similar to Wittgenstein: Roithamer, a wealthy and aristocratic Austrian who taught at Cambridge University, and who is driven to madness and eventual suicide by the world, his country's habits and his own genius.

Bernhard's main theme was isolation. It may be that when the dust has settled it will be judged that he wrote of this condition as well as anyone else in contemporary European literature.

Bernhard's dramas were less substantial, but very effective and well made. Well-known outside outside Austria is *Die Macht der Gewohnheit* (1974), translated as *The Force of Habit* (1976), set in a third-rate circus in which art is an instrument of torment (a daily and eternally unsatisfactory performance of Schubert's Trout Quintet).

His works, though exceedingly difficult to reproduce properly in any other language than German owing to their linguistic complexity, are increasingly being translated.

STRATIS ANDREADIS

Vicissitudes of Greek business and political life

Professor Stratis Andreadis, a prominent Greek banker and shipowner, whose links with the military junta that ruled Greece between 1967 and 1974 lost him control of his vast financial and industrial empire, died on February 14 at his Paris home aged 83.

Andreadis suffered his vicissitudes, though many other Greek entrepreneurs who kept a lower profile were richer; but at the beginning of 1978 his industrial empire was still estimated to be worth over £1,000 million.

When the military junta seized power in 1967, he was head of a group that controlled five banks in Greece and three overseas, as well as 16 industrial, insurance, shipbuilding and hotel firms, including the Athens Hilton.

The new rulers placed him under house arrest and the press was encouraged to denounce him for contributing to a Communist fund. However, he soon managed to befriend the colonels who were, at the time, avid for advice on how to attract investors to bolster the economy.

As President of the Greek Shipowners' Union, he induced them to decree a generous tax policy for shipping as an incentive for expatriate Greek shipowners to return home and invest. The regime rewarded him later with the concession to build an oil refinery, though the project was eventually abandoned.

Trouble for Andreadis began after the collapse of the dictatorship in 1974. He was prosecuted for the alleged transfer of assets and stock from his Greek enterprises to foreign companies abroad, controlled by himself. The Commercial Bank, his holding company, was placed under compulsory state control and later taken over by doubling the bank's share capital and denying the Andreadis family the right to buy new stock.

His feud with the state was eventually resolved in 1978. The Karamanlis Government felt that heavy-handed treatment of Andreadis was undermining its drive to stimulate private investments.

Andreadis and his family were acquitted of charges of breach of trust and violations of the banking and currency laws, while he formally acknowledged the legality of the government takeover of his banks.

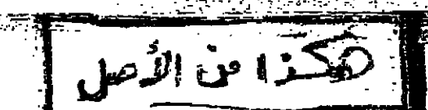
Andreadis practised law until 1935 when he was elected member of Parliament. Later he had an academic career.

His marriage pre-war to Rena Koryzis, daughter of the Governor of the Bank of Greece, who was a lady-in-waiting to the Queen, helped, by opening to him the doors of Greek society and of success.

Andreadis spent his last years in Paris.

He leaves three sons, the youngest of whom, Alexander, was married briefly to the late Christina Onassis.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Galatians 5:6

BIRTHS

ALDER - On February 16th 1989, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Helen (née Boyd) and Sam, a daughter, Alison Margaret.

AUDLEY - On February 15th, at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Rosamund (née Shore) and Max, a daughter Alice Rosamund, a sister for Laura and Charles.

AXFORD - On February 12th, to Mary and Mike, a daughter Molly Elizabeth, a sister for Sophie and Emma.

BOURVIS - On February 9th 1989, to Jane, a beautiful daughter.

COOKE - On February 13th 1989, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Margaret (née Rawle) and Andrew, a son, Adam James.

de FREITAS - On February 14th 1989, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Catherine (née Russell Wood) and Adrian, a daughter Harriet Florence, a sister for Elizabeth and Ralph.

EDKINS - On February 13th 1989, at St Georges, Tooting, to Jacqueline (née Price) and Daniel, a second daughter Louise Mary.

HART - On January 27th, to Betsy (née Ross) and Robert, a daughter Josephine Charlotte Mary, a sister for Sarah and Rupert.

JONES - On January 30th, at St Peters, Chertsey, to Christine and Rhod, a beautiful son, Lewys Rhodri. Well done our little man.

MAITLAND-ROBINSON - On February 16th 1989, to Susannah and Aiden, a son.

MARZO - On February 8th 1989, at Circ., to Caroline (née Romer) and David, a third daughter, Felicidad.

McGAREL GROVES - On February 12th, to Jane (née Perkins) and Hugh, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander and Charles.

MONTY - On February 6th, to Susan and Simon, a daughter, Stephanie Francesca.

NAPIER - On February 7th, to Hilary (née Piercy) and Gary, a son, Hugh Robert Gerald.

NORMAN-WALKER - On Valentine's Day, to Jenni (née Whitehead) and Tim, a daughter, Olivia (Late surprise!).

SHERIDAN - On February 9th, at St Marys Hospital, Paddington, to Colette (née Maggs) and Francis, a daughter, Siobhan Colette. With thanks to all the staff.

SUMNER - On February 6th 1989, to Karen and Andrew, a lovely son, Elliott John.

TINN - On February 15th, in Stavanger to Janna (née Kenning) and Graham, a daughter, Anna Kristine, a sister for Elise Jane.

WALLIS - On February 8th, to Cindy (née Hall) and Matthew, a son, Luke.

WARD - On February 16th, to Sarah and Maxwell, a son.

MARRIAGES

HELLMAN:GRAF - On February 16th, at Marylebone Road Register Office, Francis Hellman to Joanna Graf.

DEATHS

ADDLESHAW - On February 13th 1989, His Honour John Lawrence Addleshaw, aged 86 years, of Bowdon, Cheshire. A dearly loved brother, uncle, and a great uncle. Funeral service at the Bowdon Parish Church, on Monday February 20th at 11.45am prior to committal at The Altrincham Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for St. Ann's Hospice may be sent to Messrs John G Ashton & Co, Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire. Tel: (061) 9287616.

ALLINGHAM - On February 7th, suddenly at Charing Cross Hospital, Patrick Henry Lomax, son of the late Henry and Nell Allingham and brother of the late Tony and Ann.

ARMSTRONG - On Wednesday, February 15th, peacefully at the Cromwell Hospital, London, Mary Anne, adored wife of Robert and much loved sister of Lauretta and Jamie. Funeral Service private - no flowers, but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o P.O. Box 8, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 4NY. A Memorial Service will be held at the Guards Chapel London SW1, on Friday April 28th 1989, at 11.30am.

BARRINGTON SMITH - On February 15th, suddenly in Northumberland, David, beloved Father of Catherine, and Grandfather, of Lucy and Tom. Funeral Service at All Saint's Church, Morston, Norfolk, on Tuesday, February 21st at 2.30 p.m.

BART - On February 14th, peacefully with much fortitude, at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, Vancouver Island, B.C., Elizabeth Katharine Macdonald (Polly) née Egger, beloved wife of David. Funeral service, Monday 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, North Saanich. Funeral Directors: Haywards B.C. Funeral Co., 2492 Beacon, Sidney B.C., Canada. Tel: 604-656-4555. Memorial Service to England on date to be announced later.

BLAIR - On February 11th, peacefully at home, Randolph John Blair O.B.E., beloved husband of the late Barbara, dearly loved father of Patsy and brother of Margaret. Funeral at St. Mary's, Stoke d'Abernon 11.45am Tuesday February 21st, followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers or if preferred, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o L.Hawkins & Sons, 2, Highlands Rd, Leatherhead, Surrey.

CASSEL - On February 14th, peacefully at The Royal Marsden Hospital, after a short illness, Hermione Anne Cassel, loved sister and aunt. Funeral: 3pm Friday February 24th at St Peter's Church, Lilley, (nr Luton) Herts. Flowers may be sent to Neville Funeral Service, Marsh Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds.

DARROCH - On February 16th 1989, peacefully, RoseMary, much loved wife of the late Lt Col Duncan Darroch of Gourock and mother of Duncan Jean and Roddy and fondly remembered grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 3.00pm on Wednesday February 22nd.

DOLMETSCH CARLEY - On February 14th, aged 83 years, Louise Nathalie. Funeral on Monday February 20th 2.45pm at St. Michaels Church, Seavington, Ilminster, Somerset, followed by cremation at Yeovil Crematorium. Flowers or donations to Parkinson Disease Society to: Ash Brothers, Seavington, Ilminster, Somerset.

FENTON - On February 12th 1989, suddenly at home, Josephine Montresor, only daughter of the late Lady Swinburne. Funeral at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Monday February 20th at 2.00 pm. No flowers, but donations (if desired) to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

FIRMIN - On February 15th, at Canongate House Nursing Home, Hythe, in his 90th year, Cyril Alfred Firmin M.B.E. (Military Division) lately of Tunbridge Wells. For 48 years the loving husband of the late Doris Mary. Beloved father of Joan and loving grandpa to Jacqueline and Amanda, "Pop" to Len. Private cremation in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 21st. Flowers to T W Fuggle & Son, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent. Grateful thanks to all the staff of Canongate House Nursing Home.

HECHLE - On February 14th 1989, peacefully at Shockerwick Nursing Home, near Bath, Alexa Mildred (née Macpherson), aged 78. Widow of James Rea Hechle, mother of Jill and Ann, grandmother of Charles and Katherine. Cremation private. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to R.S.P.B. Sandy, Bedfordshire.

HEWITT - On February 14th 1989, Charles Brian Griffiths, peacefully at Newbury. Beloved husband of the late Edith Dorothy and father of David, Guinevere, Evan, Mark and Diana and grandfather of a team of eleven. Funeral Service and burial on Thursday February 23rd, 3.00pm at St. Peters, Woolhampton, Berks. Elstree School Memorial service on Saturday May 20th, 3.00 pm also at St. Peters, Woolhampton.

HORLOCK - On February 14th 1989, Charles John, our dear little baby who was with us for only 3 days, a dear brother of Hannah and treasured son of Dawn and John. Funeral service will be held on Monday February 20th, at St Mary's Church, North Mymms, Herts, at 11.00am prior to interment at South Hatfield Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations may be sent for "Babywatch Appeal" c/o C. A. Nethercott & Son Ltd, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 1AF. Telephone: 0707 52288.

JAMES - On February 16th, peacefully in hospital in Harare, in her 81st year, Catherine Sackville (née Fleming). Born and bred in Rhodesia she gave succour and friendship to many. She will be sadly missed in Zimbabwe and throughout the world both by her large family and her many friends.

JERVOIS - On February 13th 1989, peacefully at St Augustine's Nursing Home, St Leonard's-on-Sea, Sussex. Brigadier Wilfrid John Jervois M.C., Officer Legion of Merit USA, aged 96. Sometime Colonel of the Northamptonshire Regiment. Formerly of Burwash, Sussex. Much loved husband of the late Audrey Jervois, father of John, grandfather of Emma and Matthew. Funeral service at St Augustine's Chapel at 2.15pm on Wednesday February 22nd, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, donations if desired to The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash.

JORDAN - On February 3rd 1989, peacefully in Fuengirola, Spain, Jack, aged 72, dearly loved husband of Lindy. Funeral took place in Fuengirola on February 4th.

KIAER - On February 15th, peacefully at home, in Shoreham, Kent, Ann (née Laidlaw) aged 57, beloved wife of Stanley, mother of Jennifer and Ian. Funeral Service and Interment at Shoreham Parish Church, 3pm Wednesday, February 22nd. Flowers to Francis Chappell, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks or donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten St. SW3 3TZ.

LEE - On February 14th, at home peacefully, aged 63, Joan Doris. Retired Chancery Secretary Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark and former Secretary and Vice President of Henry VI Society. Requiem Mass at St. James Church, Petts Wood, on Friday February 24th at 12.00 noon. May she Rest in Peace.

LEE - On February 10th 1989, baby Jessica, beloved daughter of Eric and Jane, and on February 13th, Eric, beloved father and husband and good friend to many. Donations for Study of Infant Death, 15 Belgrave Square, SW1 X8PS. Cremation on Friday February 17th at 3-30pm at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton.

MILES - On February 11th 1989, Geoffrey, a loving father of Alison and Julian, peacefully after an illness very bravely borne, in Greenwich District Hospital. Formerly Secretary of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 21st at St James Church, Kidbrooke, 11.00 am. Francis Chappell & Sons, 4 Lee High Road, Lewisham. 01 852 2936.

OTWAY - On February 9th, at Westminster Hospital after a short illness, Althea Mary Fairfax (née Kitson). Cremation, Wednesday, February 22nd, Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.00 pm. No flowers. Donations may be made to the Motor Neuron Disease Association, 38 Hazelwood Road, Northampton NN1 1LN.

PARSONAGE - On February 14th 1989, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness bravely borne, William Edward (Bill). Beloved husband of Molly and loving father of Susan. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday February 21st in West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford at 11am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired may be sent to the Salvation Army, 101, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4EP. All enquiries to C.A. Nethercott & Son, Potters Bar. (0707) 52288.

PAYTON - On February 15th 1989, James Joseph D.F.C of Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Dearly loved and loving husband of Susette, father of Jon and Anthony, and grandfather. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son. Tel: Shrewsbury (0743) 4646.

PICKERING - On February 13th 1989, peacefully at home, 24 The Oval, Harrogate, aged 82 years. Harold Neil Pickering C.B.E. Beloved father of Graham and Alan and grandfather of Alastair, Belinda, Charles and James. Service at Harrogate Crematorium on Monday, February 20th at 11.30 am.

PLUNKETT - On February 11th 1989, very peacefully in a Hove Nursing Home, Hebe Grace Spencer Plunkett, aged 83 years of Brighton and Grays Inn. Funeral service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday February 24th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the R.N.I.B., 224, Great Portland Street, London, W1N 6AA. Enquiries to Clarke & Son. Tel: Brighton 734484.

ROCHE - On February 15th 1989, at Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Dr. George Kenneth Trevor of Kingston Hill, Surrey. Beloved husband of Susan, father of Patricia, Peter, Stephen and Justin and grandfather of Emma, Laura, Daniel, Lucy, Hannah, Gemma, Simon, Edmund, Fergus and James. Requiem Mass at St Anne's, Kingston Hill, on Friday February 24th at 11am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 Kings Road, SW19.

SCHOUTEN - On February 16th, peacefully after a valiant fight against cancer, Jack aged 69, of Minehead, Somerset. Loving, caring and adored husband of Carol and much loved father of Simon, Adrian, Jeremy, and Pippa and father-in-law of Sea and Ros, also proud Grandpa of Jonathon. The Funeral service will take place Tuesday February 21st at 10.30 am at St Andrews Church, Minehead. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if desired, to St Margarets Hospice, c/o Keith Parkes of Hawkes Funeral Directors, Irnham Road, Minehead. Tel. (0643) 5123.

THANE - On February 15th 1989, The Reverend Dirk, formerly of Hale near Liverpool at Emlaghmore, Ballyconneely, County Galway. Funeral, Roundstone 3pm, Sunday February 19th.

TURNER - On February 13th, at Meadow View Nursing Home, Rochdale, Edith, very loving and very much loved mother of Mave. Grateful thanks to all staff for their kindness. Body donated to Medical Research. Donations if wished to Guide Dogs For The Blind, Account No: 200901, Yorkshire Bank, Heywood, Lancs.

WOODALL - On February 13th 1989, at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, William David Woodall, aged 72 years of Ayot Green, Welwyn, Herts. Dearly loved husband of Janet and loving father of Nigel, Martin and Keith. Former Chief Town Planning Officer for Rhodesia. Funeral service at Ayot St. Peter Church, Welwyn on Wednesday February 22nd at 11am followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations for British Heart Foundation, C/O George W Blow & Sons Ltd, 12 Prospect Place, Welwyn, Herts. (0438) 714686

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LINES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Kathleen Lines, will be held at 12.30 pm on Tuesday March 7th, at St. Mary's, Primrose Hill Road, London NW3.

SALTER - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Agnes Salter will be held on Friday, March 10th at 2.45pm in Oxford Cathedral.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CORNELLE - Peter - Dearly loved cousin of six of us: Poppy and Keith, Sue and Colin, Fay and Dick, and grandchildren: Richard and Marcia, Julie and Cary, Wendy and Jim, Shelley and Lofty, Dixie and Terry, Robyn and Alistair, Margot and Gareth, Sally and Ben: all of Western Australia.

CORNELLE - Peter - Very dear nephew of the late Reg and Helen Winter of Western Australia, formerly of Liverpool.

DUGNAN - John Joseph, F.R.Met.S. Schoolmaster. Died February 17th, 1984. B.S.D. and E.M.S.D.

SCIENCE REPORT

A baby dinosaur after all

A tiny fossil first thought to be that of a baby dinosaur but then re-identified as one of the earliest true lizards has turned out, on closer examination, to be a baby dinosaur after all.

This seemingly academic quibble has been at the centre of some controversy, and those on the side of the lizards will be happy to hand back to their dinosaur-loving colleagues a specimen which was never satisfactorily assimilated in the general picture of lizard emergence and evolution.

The tiny, crushed skull of a reptile was for many years just one of many specimens from a Chinese collection that ended up at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

The first researchers who looked at the skull thought it represented a baby prosauropod dinosaur, *Yunnanosaurus huangi*. Prosauropods were a group of medium-sized plant-eating dinosaurs that were replaced later on by giant sauropods such as *Diplodocus* and *Brachiosaurus* and, in China, the huge *Mamenchisaurus*, which had the longest neck of any animal known.

But in 1977, Robert Carroll and Peter Galton, then of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, published their re-examination of the skull in *Nature*. Carroll and Galton thought that the skull was not, in fact, a prosauropod, but one of the earliest "true" lizards. They re-christened the fossil *Fulengia*.

Dinosaurs such as prosauropods are more closely related to crocodiles and birds than lizards and snakes, and the ancestry of the latter is less well-known. Carroll and Galton's reinterpretation was significant because of the fossil's age. It came from rocks in southern China that were laid down in the Lower Jurassic, about 200 million years ago. This made *Fulengia* far older than any other true lizard fossil, forcing palaeontologists to re-draw the reptile family tree.

Matters have now come full circle as a result of a new look at *Fulengia* by Susan Evans and Andrew Milner, of London University, who report in the latest issue of *Palaeontology* that the controversial fossil is a prosauropod after all, and one of the smallest prosauropods known. Evans and Milner first presented their ideas at a palaeontology conference in Boulogne last year, amid increasing interest in dinosaurs from China and baby reptiles in general.

Evans and Milner think that the fossil belongs to the genus *Lufengosaurus*, a type of prosauropod well-known from Chinese rocks of Jurassic age.

The skeleton of an adult *Lufengosaurus* was one of six Chinese dinosaur skeletons on display at the Natural History Museum in London until recently. The skeletons were on loan from the Institute of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Palaeo-anthropology in Peking, and have awakened much interest in Chinese fossils in general.

Researchers from the Natural History Museum who visited the People's Republic in 1982 consider the country unsurpassed for the quality and abundance of its dinosaur fossils.

The Chinese baby joins an increasingly crowded fossil nursery: last year, *Nature* carried a report from John R. Horner, of Montana State University, and David Weishampel, of Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, in which they documented fossils of baby dinosaurs still within the egg (Science Report, March 21, 1988). These babies came from western Montana, which 75 million years ago seems to have been a giant dinosaur hatchery. Bones of dinosaurs in all stages of growth have been found, shedding light on dinosaur social life.

Henry Gee

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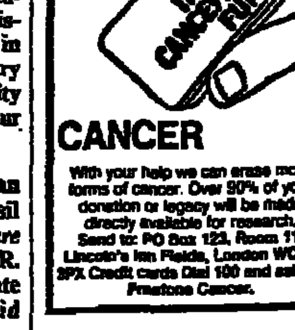
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NOTICE
of resolution for payment of Capital
GRUNDIG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
("the Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that
1. the Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £1 199 999.00
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 13 February 1989;
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office; and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment

Dated 13 February 1989
WILLIAM UNWAY
Company Secretary
B.grudig/tz/ec

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 00502 OF 1989
IN THE MATTER OF KENYON SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 26th January 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company from £8,702,657 to £nil.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Millett at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 27th day of February 1989
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 13th day of February 1989
Stoneham Langton & Passmore
8 Bolton Street, Piccadilly, London W1Y 8AU.
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO 00465 OF 1989
IN THE MATTER OF SELECTV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated this 17th day of February 1989
RICHARDS BUTLER
5 Clifton Street,
London EC2A 4DQ
Solicitors for the said Company.

M EDELSON LIMITED
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR BY MEETING
This is to certify that at meetings of the contributories and creditors of the above named company held on Friday, 3rd February, 1989, M.J. Isaacs, F.C.A. of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB and N K Edmondson F C.A. of Stoy Hayward 9th Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, having provided a written statement that they are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above named company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that they consent to so act, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the company.
Date: 3 February 1989
M Edelson - Chairman

NO 00513 OF 1989
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE BUILDER GROUP plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated this 17th day of February 1989
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Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE MATTER OF EUROFOTOS LIMITED
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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the members and creditors on 10th February 1989.
Dated this 10th day of February 1989
Philip Monjack - Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
PO Box 553,
30 Eastbourne Terrace,
London W2 6LF

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

THE EAST WEST TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY IN SOUTH EAST DORSET
APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS - SELECT TENDER LIST

The County Council wishes to prepare a select tender list for the East West Transportation Corridor study and applications are invited from qualified consultants who have extensive experience of public consultation urban road appraisal and public transport planning. The application should clearly set out the following information:

(i) Brief description of the Company including types and numbers of personnel
(ii) Accounts covering a three-year period.
(iii) The names and addresses of at least two referees.
(iv) Description of at least two similar projects undertaken by the company indicating those areas of work undertaken inhouse and those which were sub-contracted since 1985.
(v) A short note of how the company views the Urban Road Appraisal proposals by Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment of June 1986 and the Government's Response of October 1986, with particular reference to the initial stages on problem indentification and the public perception of problems.
(vi) Any conditions which the company would seek to secure in relation to any offer of appointment.

The County Council has sought to implement a new East West Primary Route in the South-East Dorset conurbation which includes parts of the Boroughs of Poole and Bournemouth. The Secretaries of State for the Departments of Transport and Environment consider the County Council should carry out further investigations. It is proposed that this work should include for an assessment process as envisaged in the Urban Road Appraisal Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment, with regards to problem identification and the public perception of the problems together with some option development for the whole of the East West Corridor.

All applications should be received by 2.00 pm on 3 March 1989 and returned to Transportation and Engineering Department (First Floor) Dorset House, 20-22 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3NL (Please mark envelope - East West Transportation Corridor Study) where further background information is available for inspection during normal office hours and includes the following:-

1. Outline of Study Brief
2. 1980 South-East Dorset Structure Plan
3. 1988 South-East Dorset Structure Plan First Revision as submitted.
4. Inspector's Report and Secretaries of State letter on the proposed Wallisdown Relief Road Primary Route.
5. 1989/90 TPP for Dorset
6. General traffic transport and accident data.

Suitable applicants should be available for interview in March and those selected will be required to submit a tender document with an anticipated closing date of early May 1989.

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THE ARTS

Appealing punchline

TELEVISION

On paper, Max Miller doesn't work. On paper, he is a compendium of juvenile innuendo, corny rhymes and verbal wife bashing, none of it very funny. It is to Gerald Scarfe's credit that in *40 Minutes: I Like the Girls Who Do* (BBC2), we got a vivid impression of what the Cheeky Chappie's appeal actually was. It had a lot to do with sex.

"I liked him because he told jokes about sex," Scarfe said, as he commuted between Miller's beloved Brighton and the Hackney Empire, where he marshalled recollections from the man's contemporaries and comic heirs. Doris Hare remembered him as "frightfully good looking", but, again, frozen into a photographic image, he doesn't work: it is only when audio is combined with visual that he comes to life, a devastatingly charismatic figure in glorious floral-patterned chintz.

He was famed for near-the-knuckle routines, but his sex appeal stemmed not so much from louche material as from his perfect timing and knack of forging an intimacy with the audience. Most attractive of all was his air of living dangerously, nudging into forbidden territory and then skipping over the punchline, leaving his audience to fill in the gaps; an oral echo of the *coitus interruptus* which forms a staple ingredient of most British sexual comedy, but rendered here with grace and artistry.

The portrait that emerged was of a virtuoso performer who was not exactly a barrel of laughs in his private life. He had many admirers but not, it seems, many friends. He had a reputation for being tight-fisted with cash.

In his stage act, women were classified as either harridans or "a nice piece of crackling". He disapproved of chorus girls swearing, but this prudery did not stop him from taking a mistress, perhaps because his wife had been typecast as a maternal surrogate.

Unexpurgated, he was considered too ribald for radio and film, and his popularity declined when television helped kill the Music Hall. Ironically, it is only thanks to television programmes such as this that his shade can still be glimpsed.

Anne Billson

Klaus Tennstedt has overcome devastating odds. **Richard Morrison** looks at his latest resurrection

Mahler's quiet hero

NICK ROGERS



Expressive touch: Klaus Tennstedt says "Mahler was the last genius" and fate seems to have made him the perfect Mahler conductor

If each Mahler symphony reveals a man courageously exorcizing his own mortal terror, then each Klaus Tennstedt performance of Mahler is a double assertion of heroism in the face of suffering. Tennstedt has tasted the prospect of incurable illness and of professional oblivion; he has triumphed when many wrote him off, and the experience is stamped on every note of Mahler he conducts.

That is why the Festival Hall will be packed tomorrow and Monday, when the 62-year-old German conducts the London Philharmonic in Mahler's Second Symphony, the "Resurrection". Fate seems to have battered Tennstedt into the perfect Mahler conductor. Tennstedt maintains that real Mahler only begins with the Second Symphony. Significantly, in his long years of anonymous toil in East Germany the only Mahler symphony he conducted was the First. "The First is a nice piece, but Mahler started to compose his life into the symphony when he wrote the Second. It begins his fight against life, against death, against himself, against everything. Okay, it is optimistic, but not always; you can also hear that he is being torn apart."

There is something symbolic about Tennstedt conducting the "Resurrection", because his own career has included at least three astonishing "resurrections". The first was early on: the young Tennstedt, studying in post-war Leipzig, seemed set to be a fine violinist, when suddenly a growth between the knuckles of his fingering hand restricted its mobility. He switched to his second study, the piano, became a *répétiteur* in a small opera house and worked his way into conducting.

He still believes that the early experience as a violinist was valuable. "If a conductor wants to develop a romantic sound, he must be able to explain to string players precisely what fingering or bowing will achieve the desired effect. Especially so in Mahler, who writes a thousand things that need explaining and working out."

Tennstedt's first conducting came in the early 1950s, yet until the early 1970s his name was unknown outside the Eastern bloc. Even when he and his wife, Inge, came over to the West in 1971, no one seemed particularly interested in engaging a middle-aged East German. Then in 1974, Walter Homburger, the famously canny manager of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, booked Tennstedt as a late replacement. The performance led to a Boston Symphony Orchestra date; *that* performance (of Bruckner's Eighth Symphony) caused a sensation, and within a week the unknown German had every big American orchestra calling him up. It was his second resurrection.

"I still cannot believe it: that Boston concert, the incredible headline – 'Once in a Lifetime' – over the *Boston Globe* review. It was a miracle." Perhaps, although cynics will say that miracles in American musical life tend to be made in the offices of Columbia Artists Management.

For a decade Tennstedt had no need of resurrections. He developed a superb relationship with the London Philharmonic, becoming its principal conductor in 1980; in New York he triumphed at the Met's centenary celebrations with *Fidelio*. He emerged as a leading Mahler and Bruckner interpreter, and also a champion of an unashamedly romantic approach to Beethoven. There was something about Tennstedt's ultra-expressive, soul-infused, occasionally inexact performances that acted as a powerful antidote to the prevailing "clean and clinical" concerts and recordings of our safety-first era. "It was always important for me – as a violinist, as a piano-player, now as conductor too – to develop a romantic sound, whether playing classic or romantic repertoire. One important facet is to show players how to find the big line – the line that draws together all the thousands of individual details."

Disaster struck in 1985. Tennstedt customarily smoked 10 cigarettes an hour; throat cancer was diagnosed, radiation treatment prescribed. Withdrawn from musical life, he brooded and feared. He made several extraordinary returns to the concert platform: one recalls an electrifying Festival Hall performance of his favourite Mahler symphony, the grim Sixth (where death knocks three times during the finale), and another emotional London concert in which the choir unfurled a banner reading "Welcome Back Klaus".

But the six operations, combined with Tennstedt's obsessive drive to conduct each rehearsal as if it were a concert, and each concert as if it were a prelude to Armageddon, had taken its toll. In August 1987, preparing the LPO for a Prom concert, he was rehearsing Brahms in Watford Town Hall.

After an hour, he felt too ill to continue and relinquished his principal conductor title there and then. The LPO, which still responds to him as to no other, has not had a principal conductor since.

Tennstedt is both inspirational and eccentric. He dismisses all period-instrument performers of Mozart and Beethoven as "gangsters", and he summarizes his view of 20th-century music with the sentence "Mahler was the last genius". His passion outside music is hot-air ballooning, preferably 2,000 feet above the Rockies; there, he says, he can find absolute silence. Orchestras, even hard-bitten crews such as the New York Philharmonic, usually love him for his evident humanity and humility; he was the first German to conduct the Israel Philharmonic, and last year that orchestra planted 36 trees in his honour – an old Hebrew custom wishing the donor long life.

What musical ambitions remain to him? "Well, I have conducted all the Mahler symphonies in concert except the Eighth, and I hope to do that with the LPO in 1990/91. And I have a longing to conduct at Glyndebourne."

Erotic beauty

CONCERT

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The outstanding performance here was of Debussy's *Jeux*, done in the Simon Rattle style of high definition and sheer, unreal beauty.

If this is a score that has to remain impalpable, uncertain and unpredictable, Rattle knows how to go to the edges of what it can be made to utter, bringing out all the detail of the string textures, clarifying the harmonies (with the help of a woodwind ensemble blending into gorgeousness and limpidity), leaving no doubt at least about the shaping of momentary gesture, and following lines of thought towards their vanishing points, even where that seems to mean playing two or three different pieces at the same time.

The vividness of the performance, coupled with the sensuous weirdness of so many of its sounds, gave the music its full erotic charge. There was much vividness, too, in Rattle's conducting of the Elgar Violin Concerto, where the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra seemed to be erecting a huge, emphatic stage for the unassuming solo performance of Oscar Shumsky, who seized attention rather in the manner of a veteran actor who steals a show with a cough and a murmur.

In a performance so lacking in rhetoric, the lapses of intonation could slip by and the looseness of rhythm and tempo be accepted as essential to a performance filled with improvisatory hunches. Rattle's much more incisive contributions risked seeming vulgar by contrast, even though they revealed so much of the score.

The opening work – a brute confined in its own corner, with an interval before the Debussy and Elgar – was Michael Torke's *Vanada*, in this composer's manner of minimalist patterning broken up by stiff jabs of jazz-rock to show how much we are all enjoying ourselves. The piece might just have been saved by fierce precision and exuberance, but was not.

Paul Griffiths

Empty echoes in the brothel

THEATRE

Sisters
Boulevard

Reaching London 11 years after its Manchester premiere, David Storey's play comes over as a precarious recycling of his obsession with the North-South divide.

It opens with the standard family reunion. Adrienne, not heard of since she bolted for London years before, returns as a failed actress to move in with her younger sister Carol. For a while it is all slice-of-life chat between the languidly elegant prodigal and the cheery Yorkshire household. You then notice that she smokes and drinks rather a lot. And who are all these people – bold miniskirted girls, a shabbily loquacious geography teacher, a police sergeant in his braces – who keep popping into the council estate living-room as if they owned the place?

Some time before Storey unveils the mystery, you twig that Adrienne has come home to an amateur brothel. At which point the stage becomes invaded with echoes of Pinter's *The Homecoming*, while the flaky visitor and her loutish brother-in-law promise a return match between Blanche du Bois and Stanley Kowalski.

Sisters resists the narrative tug of these models, but without developing a clear story of its own. There are moments of shared family intimacy, though Rob Kennedy's production conveys no sense of sisterhood between Toni Arthur and Christine McKenna. But such is the low energy of the writing that the separate elements fail to coalesce. Things seem momentarily to be coming into focus in a scene between Adrienne and the brutal Tom where she offers to come in as his business partner: a promising scheme as she would have made a classy madame. But the proposition only drives him into a rage and she is hauled back to the mental home, with screams of "No" activating every net curtain within earshot.

The girls have some robust comic exchanges, zestfully punched home by Julia Akerman and Ann Bryson. But the production is unable to encompass the tonal shift to hysterical pathos. Miss Arthur leaves nothing to be desired in the way of glacial metropolitan disdain, but when she cracks the cupboard is bare.

Irving Wardle

Open Secrets
Corner Theatre

Clean Break Theatre Company is a group formed 10 years ago by women prisoners in Askham Grange. On release they began touring their plays and have since performed in more than 150 venues, here and abroad. An earlier work by one of its authors, Jacqueline Holborough's *The Garden Girls*, was superbly produced at the Bush in 1986.

Superb is not the word for Didi Hopkins's production of this new piece, devised by the company to give a warning impression of the life and background that leads to crime. But there is a game inventiveness to the staging that more than compensates for rough corners, and the performances, which also show rough patches, carry a thoroughly engaging urgency and theatrical thrill.

Believe it or not, the text is in rhyming couplets, of irregular length – "Hello. Come inside. I'm going to take your mind on a ride!" – mixed up with the references to maternal shortcomings in *Macbeth*.

The four actresses double and treble their roles, playing jaunty young criminals, pig-nosed policewomen and various authority figures in masks. Susan Rossiter gives her underworld temptress a mischievous eye and a mighty soprano shriek, the rancous tomboy rebel is likeably played by Manda Mayfin as an Adam Faith lookalike. Eve Faith, I suppose.

With a minimum of props, the scene moves from childhood home through supermarket to the wide world of horse racing, hands smacking sides to give the sound of hooves – and so to the narrow bounds of jail. A folded railing serves in turn as playpen, fence, dock and, especially clever, a prison bed.

Watching the hour-long show (above the Hen and Chickens Pub, Highbury Corner) is like hurtling along a rackety rollercoaster that might jump the rails at any moment but always manages, just, to stay on course.

Jeremy Kingston

Polish on a rough diamond

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Turning the spotlight on home

David Robinson on a strong British presence at the Berlin Film Festival



British first: *Resurrected*, with Kevin Deakin (left) and Tom Bell

In Dangerous Liaisons the 39th Berlin Film Festival found a suitably international event for the gala opening – a Hollywood film, adapted from a French classic, and with a British director (Stephen Frears) and writer (Christopher Hampton).

Laclos's epistolary novel has inspired many adaptations of one sort or another. Roger Vadim's 1950 film version was successfully defended against obscenity charges by the young lawyer François Mitterrand and an alternative film version by Milos Forman is nearing completion. Every adaptation is up against the problem that Laclos's scandalous tale of erotic intrigue belongs to a past age and past values, when the force of the emotions was only just being acknowledged and virtue was still a tangible asset.

Christopher Hampton's version makes it an elegant, witty and (literally) sadistic erotic game, overseen by a demonically mischievous couple of libertines, the Vicomte de Valmont and the Marquise de Merteuil. Stephen Frears sets it in a world of cool Louis XVI décor; with a wonderfully calculated cast led by John Malkovich and Glenn Close as the mischief-makers.

An authentic French period piece, Camille Claudel, is breaking French box office records, though one wonders why. At almost three hours, this bio-pic of Rodin's gifted but unhappy mistress is overlong and cursed with persistent, old-style background music. It is the ambitious first directorial work of an able cinematographer, Bruno Nuytten.

Bio-pics have dominated the first days of the competition. An able but glum portrait of the German writer of the Thirties, Hans Fallada, was uncomfortably like an East German, literary *Sid and Nancy*. Carlos Saura brought touches of Elm Street nightmare to the visions of the incarcerated 16th-century mystic San Juan de la Cruz in La Noche Oscura.

In the count of national entries, Britain comes second only to the United States, though some of the 13 titles are short films, with a marked predilection for sexual aberrations. The competition entries are Derek Jarman's *War Requiem*; and *Resurrected*, a first film by Paul Greengrass, co-author of *Spycatcher*. *Resurrected* is an ironic story of the return of a Falklands soldier posted missing. Another British film-maker appearing as director of a Hollywood picture is Alan Parker, with *Mississippi Burning*.

Trying to keep up with the best of the festival and its many side events is very much a matter of sticking pins in the programme, vaguely guided by tips, hearsay, reputations of film makers, appealing titles, posters of synopsis. It tends to put new names at a disadvantage; but this year has already brought to the fore one or two exciting débutants.

Outstanding among these is Alex Law, a Hong Kong film maker, aged 36, who graduated in literature, studies film in New York and has until now worked for television. Painted Faces, his first feature, is a rich mixture of comedy and melancholy. He follows the 10-year apprenticeship on a group of boys in a run-down but dedicated private school for Peking Opera. Segregated from other children by their shaven heads, tough discipline and mastery of arcane arts of acrobatics and face-painting, as they grow up they begin to discover the allures of an outside world.

By the end of their schooling in the early 1970s, the tradition they represent is already archaic and unwanted. The only outlet for their skills is as extras in the film studios while their teacher emigrates to America. The film is marred by overlength and some misjudgements, but the talent and the charm are still huge.

Another outstanding new talent is Portuguese director Joaquim Pinto, aged 32. Where The Sun Beats Down, made on a short shoestring, is his second film, a subtle and elegant study of sexual relationships on a run-down country estate, centering on a young brother and sister. The sister's infidelity to her older husband, the brother's fondness for a farm-hand and the siblings' near-incestuous affection all simmer beneath the formalities demanded by class and bourgeois decorum.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Curtis's Angels: Sliwa takes Samantha (left) and Francesca under his wing. The Guardians concentrate on techniques suitable for women

Angelic behaviour

Today's angel practises kick boxing in black Lycra.

Anne McElvoy meets a different kind of "carer"

"Take him out, but slowly does it. He is a maniac and he has a knife." The tones of Curtis Sliwa, Guardian Archangel in full pedagogical flight, echo across the open and chilly spaces of Turnham Green, where Britain's trainee Angels have been put through their paces pending an indoor home. A lanky American Angel wields a hairbrush menacingly at the group of socially-minded citizens who are trying to arrest him, while nimbly negotiating dog faeces.

Some 30 volunteers are inexpertly executing karate kicks and shadow boxing, the possibility that they are unwittingly harbouring a slogged rump of reporters cannot yet be ruled out. I had uncharitable suspicions about those volunteers who looked as if they had not seen, let alone touched their toes for years. No one could say that the new recruits lack determination. They attend at least two evening training sessions a week as well as compulsory classes in first aid and law before they can be assessed as fully-fledged Angels, entitled to the coveted red beret. They have not yet found a London stockist for the latter.

The group includes eight young women. Samantha is first on the scene when the group assembles at Earls Court tube, resplendent in black stretch wear and dazzling white socks and trainers as if *en route* to an aerobics class, an impression compounded by her careful make-up and the Fergie-bow in her hair. Samantha, aged 20, lives in relatively uncriminal suburban Sutton. The decision to sacrifice two nights a week learning how to deal with tube thugs seems to have been reached without great introspection. "I had split up with my boyfriend and left my job and I felt terrible about myself." In the best tradition of the teen-mag advice columns, she decided that what she needed was an outside interest and up popped the Guardian Angels.

She will be fully trained in two months. "Yes, I do worry about getting hurt. You would be a danger to other people if you didn't, but we will be working in teams and there will always be lots of support. I think we will make people feel safe by just being there. We wear the berets and T-shirts not to look macho, but as a sign that we are there to help." Probing her motives more deeply yields nothing except Panglossian optimism about a safe new world once the tube patrols begin.

The sessions include martial arts training — "kick boxing and pressure points, things like that", Samantha says.

The Martial Arts Commission is furious that martial skills are being used in this way. "It is quite irresponsible to equip women with this self-confidence that they cannot hope to match up to physically," says Paula Mitchell, the organization's secretary.

Enter Tom Hibbert, president of the rival Amateur Martial Association, who provides the Angels with instructors. He has a long-standing, impenetrable quarrel with the Martial Arts Commission and dismisses it as "a dwindling body making fatuous claims to gain publicity", which is more or less what the MAC says about his organization. "We have deliberately concentrated on techniques that are suitable for women, and we always stress the importance of working in a pair or group," he says.

All the female volunteers are under 25 — the youngest, Karen McCullough, is a mere Cherub at 15 and will have to wait two years to don the beret. In the meantime, she can at least wear the T-shirt of the junior Angels who are entrusted with "caring tasks" above ground. She joined because she wanted to do something to help her community but thought the Guides "too naff". Parental support was not immediately forthcoming. "My mum says it gives her the heebie-jeebies but my dad calls me Superwoman now," she says.

The Angels are not allowed to socialize with the new recruits, which rather takes the gilt off the gingerbread of cruising around town with a dozen red-bereted protectors in tow. "This is not the love boat so keep those hormones in check," Sliwa bellows for no apparent reason.

Francesca, aged 23, a single mother of two from Wood Green, sports a deterrent combination of pink and green leisure wear bearing the hopeful slogan "Young Dreams". She has been the victim of two muggings in the West End and says she has volunteered "for the sake of the kids — I want them to feel safer than I do when they grow up and go out at night". Two other women decided to become Angels after being raped. "The Angels can give back to women the dignity that fear takes away from them," Francesca says.

Sliwa momentarily relinquishes command to explain the philosophy of the Angels to an Italian TV crew, and an American Angel called Wacko begins the hairbrush-wielding routine anew, only to have his offensive weapon snap in a particularly melodramatic fracas. An anguished cry of "That was *my* hairbrush" emanates from the back row. The next group of combatants advances. "Ladies first, and stay clear of his power thrust areas," Wacko says laconically.

One in six of America's 5,000 Guardian Angels is female and Sliwa is keen to recruit women to the London chapter to break down the Angels' macho image. "It is doubly useful for women to learn martial arts because they are more likely to be in the position where they need them. I have also found that women can calm potentially nasty situations. Our training can help women overcome the paralysis that many feel when faced with an unpleasant situation."

He is cocky, prolix and plausible and has the leader's gift of inspiring absolute confidence on the wings of unintentionally comical, overblown speeches. "We have turned the South Bronx into *Little House on the Prairie*," he says with customary modesty, before going on to cut the Angels' tenth anniversary cake, which is "not just cutting a cake, but breaking bread together — a sign of our deep commitment". Wild applause.

The embryonic London chapter has survived its birth throes and has evident support from tube travellers, an affection not yet shared by the police. Its new recruits will pass out of the care of their own guardians and on to the *Underground in April*.

Until then, they are at least in from the cold with a room above the Red Lion in Leytonstone, provided by a sympathetic publican, to call home. Film director Michael Winner is providing financial support to enable the American Angels to complete their training mission, and their first indoor session at the beginning of this week was attended by 20 young hopefuls applying for membership. More than half were women.

Rites and wrongs



BARBARA AMIEL

My own response to Mr Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses* has not been encouraging. Try as I might, I find 86-word sentences difficult. Then there is the additional problem, mine alone of course, that he has an uncanny resemblance to a West Hampstead psychotherapist I know, with extra helpings of hurt around the eyes. Physiognomy is not an exact science, of course, but I suspect the psychotherapist would have gone into hiding, like Rushdie. Most of us would have hopped on the first train to Bradford.

Still, I'm reasonably sure that having a bounty placed on your head by the Ayatollah Khomeini is a dreadful experience and for once I side with Mr Harold Pinter in feeling that the British Government is not responding as it should. The Ayatollah has threatened Rushdie, a British citizen, with murder and that is an offence against the Queen.

There are a number of responses to this which may range, I suppose, from a protest in the United Nations to simply taking this threat as a declaration of war. But one can't squirm out of it by thoughtful debate over whether or not the Ayatollah is a religious figure separate from the Iranian government. Iran is a theocracy, for heaven's sake.

As for the utterances of Mr Sayed Abdul Quaddas, secretary of the Bradford Council of Mosques, that neither he nor his children would hesitate to risk their lives to carry out the Ayatollah's orders, this is surely a simple legal matter. Or has England become a country where death threats can be uttered with no consequences?

It is true, of course, that religious fundamentalism is on the march outside the world of Islam. I am not only referring to American television evangelicals. A yearning for fundamentals was part of the splendid debate last Monday on the relationship between Church and state in the House of Commons.

Mr Eric Heffer, indeed, after a speech that had quoted Archbishop William Temple, the "Magnificat", Saints Cyprea and Jerome, George Lovelace and Sir Richard O'Brien, quite forgot he was in the House and told his assembled congregation that "I shall now read from the hymn or poem, however one looks at it, by Blake. We must all think about what it means." This was followed by a full-blooded recitation of two entire verses of Blake's "Jerusalem". A shame, I feel, that the BBC is not already there to market the video.

Fundamentalist sects have always existed but they flourish best when the mainstream religions give up on difficult moral issues. The minute progressive Catholic nuns became more interested in alternative values and social work than dogma, the door was opened to Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

I remember interviewing Canada's first ordained female Anglican minister in the 1970s, who mused with me over her dilemma as to whether or not there was a God. People turn to the Church for an anchor, not a course in comparative ethics. There hasn't really been a human society that did not need a transcendental basis for its existence. The most fundamental thing about man, I think, is our need to ask the question: "What is life all about?" We would sooner have a false or mystical answer to that question than no answer at all and it is only religion that professes to have an answer. Science can't help — it has excellent answers to insignificant questions and no answer at all for the essential ones. Try to use science as a religion and it becomes a monstrosity that leads to Stalin, Dr Mengele or one of those horror movies about autonomous brains gone berserk.

The problem with fundamentalism is that by definition it is not tolerant and cannot be liberal. Christian fundamentalists will not put out bounties on the head of authors. But that doesn't depend, I think, on the intrinsic superiority of the religion in question but on the culture in which it flourishes. Egypt is an Islamic country but I can't imagine President Mubarak issuing death threats. On the other hand, if a fundamental version of Christianity came to the fore in a country such as Iran, I wouldn't be surprised to find it sharing some of the more robust qualities of Iranian-style Islam.

These days, we seem caught between fundamentalism or religion so progressive that it no longer addresses religious needs at all. Last week I reread Anne Roche's splendid book *The Desolate City*, with its lacerating account of contemporary worship:

"Good morning everyone . . . Good morning, Father . . . Thank you for making such a great effort to celebrate with the worshipping community of St Martin Luther King's on this rainy (hot, snowy, beautiful) day . . I hope you noticed the great new air-conditioning (carpet, windows, banners, choir robes) that the parish council (RENEW, building committee, liturgy team) have provided . . . My name is . . . My colleagues are . . . The eucharistic ministers are . . . I'd like you to welcome Ms —, the new pastoral assistant. I'd like to welcome visitors to the parish. I'd like to remind you that baby-sitting is provided in the parish hall . . What does this Gospel have to say to us in our own context (peace, strike election)? . . . I would like to read the wonderful insights of the second form on the meaning of Thanksgiving (Christmas, Easter, peace, war, God, caring, sharing) . . . They have so much to teach us all . . . Now let us offer each other a sign of peace. . ."

After that, one almost embraces a return to a Christianity so narrow and calvinistic in the original sense that it would suit a Church of England Khomeini. But, surely, there is a middle path such as probably existed in many places during the 18th and 19th centuries. The most liberal of minds, after all, wrote the American Declaration of Independence, with its fervent belief in human rights, and saw to it that its money was inscribed with "In God We Trust".

I suppose our churches have all swung so far in their modernism that the only way back to the middle is a violent swing in the opposite direction. Shaw put the lament best at the end of *St Joan* when he mused on how many more people would have to be sacrificed because human beings lacked imagination. One hopes Mr Rushdie will not be one of them.

Mothers of the earth unite

A growing concern for the environment is uniting women around the world

The first day Mara Amats and Sam Roddick were in Kathmandu, they moved out of the Sheraton Hotel. A drink at the bar cost more than the weekly earnings of the woman breaking stones to make the drive outside. Since Amats, a development consultant specializing in employment projects for women, and Roddick, the 17-year-old daughter of the Body Shop entrepreneurs, Graham and Anita Roddick, were in the Nepalese capital to explore setting up an ecologically sound paper-making operation, it did not seem appropriate.

On the second day they were strolling down Freak Street, an anachronistic monument to Kathmandu's days as the hippy capital of the world. There, on a noticeboard, was the address of a local women's group selling cushion covers. When Amats, an energetic Canadian living in London, went there and explained her mission, she was told: "You must meet our president." The third day she was ushered into the presence of Queen Aishwurya, wife of Eton-educated King Birendra.

Amats explained the background. After the American invasion of Grenada, she had worked in the Caribbean for the Commonwealth Secretariat. "The original idea was to create alternative forms of employment which would minimize the attractions of growing drugs for the Miami market." When a banana company mechanized the loading of boats and hundreds of women on St Lucia were put out of work, Amats initiated a successful project for them to make paper out of banana fibre.

Amats's next port of call was Nepal, which has an old paper-making industry. The trouble was that it involved stripping the bark off the lokta, or mountain laurel tree. The result was loss of ground cover, causing floods and other environmental problems.

Nepal had another problem: hundreds of unemployed women abandoned in villages by husbands lured away by town and city life. Amats suggested to Queen Aishwurya that Nepal's rural women could be put to paper-making, using two freely available ingredients, bananas and water hyacinths, as well as recycled lokta. A pilot project last year proved it was possible to make, and export, paper and bags suitable for use in Body Shops. Now Queen Aishwurya has arranged for five derelict factories round the country to be put at the paper-makers' disposal.

Body Shop's catalytic role highlights a new trend in aid thinking: the inter-relatedness of women and the environment.

One of the most influential pressure groups is WorldWIDE (Women in Defence of the Environment), headed by Joan Martin-Brown, a former public affairs director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She points to three areas where women have an important role to play: as educators, particularly in relation to health; as farmers, particularly in developing countries where up to 80 per cent of the land is cultivated by women; and as consumers (a more Western concern, influencing manufacturers by the choices made in the supermarket).

Such thinking is already a regular feature of Britain's overseas aid projects, and the equation of women and the environment is percolating back into the green consumerist movement.

The Women's Environmental Network campaigns on issues relevant to women, such as the prevalence of oestrogen from contraceptives and other pollutants in water supplies. This week it launched a campaign to promote unbleached paper products and a book, *The Sanitary Protection Scandal* (£5.95 or £6.40 including postage on non-chlorine bleached, recycled paper from WEN, 287 City Road, London EC1V 1LA), which suggests that tampons can contain potentially toxic chemicals and pesticide residues as a result of the bleached cotton used. These dangers were highlighted in Monday night's *World In Action*.

The Association of Sanitary Protection Manufacturers had issued, in advance of the programme, a press release stating: "There is no medical or scientific evidence to suggest that people using our products are more at risk than those who don't . . .".

The British public cannot choose, as Swedish consumers can, to use creamy coloured coffee filters and unbleached tampons instead of white, although both Peaudouce and Procter & Gamble have now followed the Swedish lead and brought the "environmentally sound" disposable nappy, produced without the chlorine bleaching process, to Britain.

Whether radical or conservative, developmental or green consumerist, all women environmentalists appear to agree with Martin-Brown: "The future of the planet is greatly dependent on women getting involved. A new partnership between men and women is required. Men cannot do it alone."

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE:** Deft, often touching stage version of Stoppard's radio play, transferred from the King's Head.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10pm; mats Fri and Sat 6-7.30pm. £5-£13.50.

☆ **BRIGADOON:** OK revival of Lerner and Loewe's misty Scottish *musical*.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm; mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm. £8-£20. Thurs mat, all seats half-price.

☆ **A HERO'S WELCOME:** Tragedy, humour and eroticism surface in a Jamaican hill town in 1947; new play by *Winsome Pinnock*.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). *Tube: Sloane Square. Previews tonight* and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Mon, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat 3.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Linda Bassett and Tony Haygarth in Peter Gill's production, *first in a trilogy of* O'Casey plays.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews until Mon, 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm, then in repertoire. £5.50-£14.

☆ **OVER MY DEAD BODY:** Donald Sinden, June Whitfield, Frank Middlemass play three crime novelists in new comedy thriller.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, *WC2 (01-836 8888)*. Tube: Charing Cross. Previews until Sat 8pm. Opens Mon, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm, previews £12.50; from Mon £7.50-£15.

☆ **THE PEACE OF BREST-LITOVSK:** Moscow's Vakhtangov Theatre on four-day visit. Mikhail Ulyanov plays Lenin. Simultaneous translation by Frances de la Tour.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Tonight 7.45-10pm, tomorrow 4-6.15pm and 7.45-10pm. £5-£10.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) ... ☆ *Cats*: New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... ☆ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*: Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) ... ☆ *Me and My Girl*: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... ★ *Les Misérables*: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... ☆ *The Mousetrap*: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... ☆ *The Phantom of the Opera*: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... ☆ *Run for your Wife*: Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) ... ★ *Starlight Express*: Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

MANCHESTER: ★ *Amongst Barbarians*: Michael Wall's satiric comedy, set in Malaya, where two families bicker about the fate of their *drug-smuggling sons*.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri *and Sat 8pm, mats* Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £2.80-£10.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

ARTHUR II – ON THE ROCKS (PG): Continued sequel to the 1981 comedy, with Dudley Moore as the millionaire drunk – now facing poverty (112 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.15.*
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.25.

■ **COCKTAIL (15):** Would-be romantic comedy with macho trimmings, with Tom Cruise as a cocksure bartender saved from self-destruction by a down-to-earth young artist (Elisabeth Shue).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 4.20, 6.55, 9.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.25, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 3.40, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 4.00, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.35.

■ **DIE HARD (18):** One of America's box-office smashes last year, featuring *Moonlighting* star Bruce Willis as a New York detective caught on Christmas Eve in a terrorist attack on a high-rise office tower. With Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia; directed by John McTiernan (131 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 6.20, 9.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.15, 2.55, 5.35, 8.20.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 4.55, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Prog 2.00.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 11.30, 2.25, 5.20, 8.20.

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (*Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline*), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael *Palin*), who owns *a fish called* Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05.
☎ **Plaza** *(01-200 0200). Progs 1.45, 4.15,* 6.45, 9.15.

GORILLAS IN THE MIST (15): Michael Apted's film based on the true story of anthropologist Dian Fossey. With Sigourney Weaver as Fossey and Bryan Brown (129 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). *Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.*
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6148). Progs 2.10, 5.15, 8.10.
Warner West End *(01-439 0791). Progs* 2.50, 5.35, 8.15.

NAKED GUN (15): Wild, raunchy genre spoof from *Airplane!* team of Jerry and Dave Zucker and Jim Abrahams (85 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 4.15, 6.40, 9.10.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). *Progs* 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

SALAAM BOMBAY! (15): A country boy finding it tough going in the big city. A familiar story, but Indian director Mira Nair tells it with an authentic, hard-hitting punch (113 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.

SLIPSTREAM (PG): Ambitious, British-made fantasy from *Star Wars* producer Gary Kurtz, with Mark Hamill, Bob Peck, Kitty Aldridge and Bill Paxton (108 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.25.

■ **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG):** Energetic mixture of cartoons and real life. Ace animation director, Richard Williams supplies a frantic array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe, Eddie Valiant. (104 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.10, 7.05, 9.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00.*
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20.
☎ **Warner West End** *(01-439 0791).* Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (–) The Naked Gun
2 (1) *Die Hard*
3 (2) Cocktail
4 (5) A Fish Called Wanda
5 (4) Salaam Bombay!
6 (3) Gorillas in the Mist
7 (–) Arthur II
8 (–) *Slipstream*
9 (6) Who Framed Roger Rabbit
10 (9) *High Hopes*
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Die Hard
2 Cocktail
3 Who Framed Roger Rabbit
4 Gorillas in the Mist
5 Moonwalker
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UNITED STATES:
1 (–) The Fly II
2 (1) Three Fugitives
3 (2) Rain Man
4 (4) Beaches
5 (3) Her Alibi
6 (–) Cousins
7 (8) Twins
8 (5) Who's Harry's Crumb?
9 (–) Tap
10 (7) Working Girl
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Fatal Attraction
2 Wall Street
3 Adventures in Babysitting
4 Bat 21
5 Police Academy V
Supplied by: *Video Business*

Red souls not in the sunset



Metamorphoses: Mick Hucknall and the boys begin their tour in Dublin

Listening to the smooth, adult orientated soul and precisely manicured production of the band's third album, *A New Flame*, it is difficult to imagine Mick Hucknall of Simply Red as the singer in a beserk punk group called the Frantic Elevators. Yet that is how he started his career as a musician ten years ago while still *a student of fine arts* at Manchester Polytechnic. Gradually his early love of soul music asserted itself and after years of touring and some controversial sackings, the Elevators metamorphosed into Simply Red, sophisticated pseudo-soul boys with Hucknall firmly in control. Boosted by the success of two superb singles, "Money's Too Tight (To Mention)" and "Holding Back the Years", their first album, *Picture Book*, released in 1985, sold more than three million copies, a worldwide success which was duplicated by the follow-up, 1987's *Men and Women*. Tonight, Royal Dublin Stadium, Merrion Road (0001 680645) 7.30pm, IR£10.50; tomorrow, Maysfield *Leisure Centre, Belfast* (0232 241633); Sunday, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 552 4601); Monday, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); Wednesday & Thursday, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775); Tuesday February 28 & Wednesday March 1, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606); Friday March 3, Bridlington Spa Theatre (0262 678255); March 4, Blackpool Opera House (0253 27786); *March 6*, BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297); March 7, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004); March 9,10 & 11, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234); March 13, Brighton Centre, 0273 202881); March 15 & 16, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133).

David Sinclair

OPERA

☆ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Philip Prowse's handsome production for *English National Opera now back in* a healthy revival with Cathryn Pope, Alan Opie and Arthur Davies. Yan Pascal *Tortelier conducts.*
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, £2.5-£26.

☆ **EUGENE ONEGIN:** Wilfre Judd's new production for Opera 80, with George Mosley in the title role.
Playhouse, Weston-Super-Mare (0934 623521), 7.30-10.20pm, £5 and £6.

CONCERTS

☆ **NATWEST PLEASURE:** In the NatWest "Classics for Pleasure" series *the LPO is conducted by Sian Edwards* in Verdi's *Forza del Destino* Overture, Saint-Saëns's Cello Concerto No 1 *(Ytaat Weltman, soloist) and* Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £5.

☆ **PEGASUS EVENING:** Under the title "An Evening with Mozart" Simon Capey conducts the Pegasus Chamber Orchestra in Wolfgang Amadeus's Symphonies Nos 25 and 41, and Celia Birkenshaw solos in the Bassoon Concerto.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50£6.

☆ **CLASSICAL POPS:** The London Concert Orchestra is conducted by Nicholas Cleobury in Borodin's Polovtsian Dances, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 4, Johann *Strauss II's Emperor* Waltz, Grieg's Piano Concerto (William Stephenson, soloist) Handel's Music for the Royal *Fireworks and Rossini's William Tell* Overture.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), *7.45-10pm, £6.50-£13.50.*

DANCE

☆ *COMPASSIONATE DETACHMENT:* A work by Trystero Dance Theatre.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 *(01-387 0031) 8pm, £5.*

☆ **COPPEILIA:** Northern Ballet Theatres production transfers the traditional story to Lancashire.
Civic Theatre, Darlington, (0325 486555) 7.30pm, £3.50-£8.

ROCK

☆ **THE FIXX:** Capable English melodic rock band, whose 1983 album *Reach the Beach* went platinum in America without even denting the UK chart.
Borderline, Orange Yard, off Manette Street, London WC2 (01-497 2261) 8pm-11pm, £5, for two nights.

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** *Thunder and Consolation* rockers from Bradford out on their Spring manoeuvres.
Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth (0705 824355) 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.

THE WATERBOYS: Mike Scott's "*Fisherman's Blues*" boys *continuing to do brisk business on this comeback tour.*
Hummingbird, Dale End, Birmingham (021 236 4236) *7.30pm, £6.50.*

★ **THE FOUR TOPS:** *Indestructible*, the *title of their current album*, pretty well sums up the vocal quartet's extraordinary 35-year career.
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590) 7.30pm, £7.50-£11.50.

JAZZ

☆ **CHICO FREEMAN/ARTHUR BLYTHE:** Stalwarts of the all-star band The Leaders, the saxophonists' opening night featured material by Wayne Shorter *and John Coltrane*.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £12 (members £6).

GALLERIES

JOHANES ZECHNER: Triptychs and sculpture drawings made on dismantled consumer packaging such as cigarette packets.
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, 17 Great Sutton Street, London EC1 (01-250 1962). Tues-Sun 11am-6pm, free, until Mar 12.

PIZZI CANNELLA: Paintings and works on paper.
Ruskel-Hue-Williams, 6 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-495 7017). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, free, until Mar 23.

NASCENT IMAGES: Self portraits by Georgina Grant.
Bedford Hill Gallery, 50 Bedford Hill, London SW12 (01-675 5446). Wed-Fri 1-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Mar 18.

THE ART OF SW HAYTER (1901-1988): A retrospective *for an innovative British* printmaker who lived in Paris.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow *(041 357 3929)*. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until Feb 26.

THE NAKED FIGURE IN CONTEMPORARY ART: Fourteen artists, including Eileen Cooper and Tricia Gillman, illustrate the variety of contemporary approaches to the subject.
Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath (0225 461111). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Feb 25.

JOAN EARDLEY (1921-1963): A major exhibition which re-establishes this artist as *an important Scottish* landscape and seascape painter.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth (0752 668000), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 25.

EXPERIENCE OF PAINTING: Works by eight contemporary abstract artists detailing the diversity of styles achievable within the non-representational idiom.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, (091 232 7734), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until March 19.

MUSEUMS

MARRIAGE LINES: Photographic exhibition of wedding scenes.
Oldham Art Gallery, Union Street, Oldham, Greater Manchester (061 624 0505). Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-5pm, Tues 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Free. Until April 15.

FREEING THE SPIRIT: Exhibition of the work of Scottish abstract artists.
Gracefield Arts Centre, 28 Edinburgh Road, Dumfries (0387 62084). Mon-Fri noon-5pm, *Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm*. Free. Until Feb 26.

TALKS

MASTERPIECES OF THE ANCIENT AMERICAS: Part of a series of talks on art in the Americas. Today the subject is jade and ritual objects from the Olmec and Maya civilizations dating from 800 BC.
Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, London W1 (01-437 2224), 1pm, free.

WALKS

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: Meet St Paul's tube, *7pm, £3* (01-937 4281).

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: Meet Aldgate East tube, 11am, £3 (01-624 9981).

POLITICAL LONDON – GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: Meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3 (01-668 4019).

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Sotheby's experts give free evaluations. Items accepted for sale by auction.
Hove Town Hall, Hove, East Sussex, 10am-1.30pm. Free.

SPRINGFIELDS HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION: Britain's only forced indoor flower show in the area which is *world famous for its bulbs*. Landscaped beds of hyacinths, lilies, tulips, daffodils. Trade stands today only.
The Auction Hall, Wintrey Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire (info: 0775 4843). Today 11am-9pm; tomorrow and Sun 11am-5pm. *Admission* today £2; weekend £1; child free.

THE TASTE OF THAILAND: Demonstration of the ingredients and techniques employed in the preparation *of Thai cookery* plus an opportunity to sample the finished results. Vatcharin Bhumichitr, who opened the first restaurant specializing in North Thai food in Soho, also signs copies of his new book.
Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. Tomorrow 12.30-1.30pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

EASTER AT THE BARBICAN: Programme includes Glory of Easter, Handel's *Messiah* by English Chamber *Orchestra, and concert performance of Jesus Christ Superstar* introduced by Tim Rice.
Barbican, Silk Street, *London* EC2 (01-638 8891).

THE RED NAVY ENSEMBLE: Soviet Red Navy Ensemble commences its first nationwide tour of UK.
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, March 25 (0227-767246).
Guildhall, Portsmouth, March 30-April 1 (0705 824355).
Bournemouth International Centre, April 4-6 (0202 297297). Tour includes 17 *cities, after* Canterbury.

ON THE VERGE: London premiere of play by Eric Overmyer, featuring three Victorian lady travellers, with Paola Dionisotti, Gerda Stevenson and Juliet Stevenson. April 18-May 6.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

LAST CHANCE

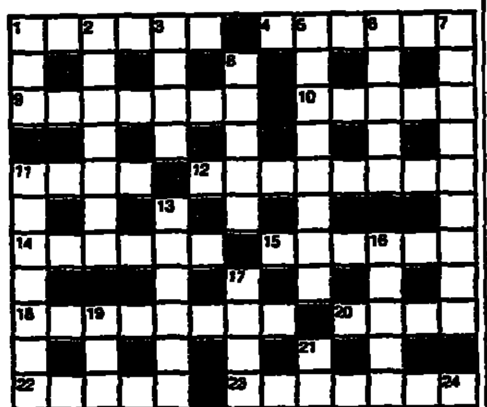
THE CHURCHILL PLAY: Last performance of Howard Brenton play in production by Barry Kyle, with Colin Welland. *Tonight and tomorrow.*
RSC, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

QUEST FOR GOLD: Work by chemist/photographer Mike Ware *showing process of creating photographs from particles of gold.* Ends Sun.
National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford (0274 727488).

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT: Last performances of Jeffrey Archer play before national tour, with Tony Britton and Gwen Watford, directed by David Gilmore. Ends Sat.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-734 1166/0261).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

HORTENSIO
(b) Petruchio's friend in *The Taming of the Shrew*, he pays court to Bianca. He is *sometimes played as a fool.*

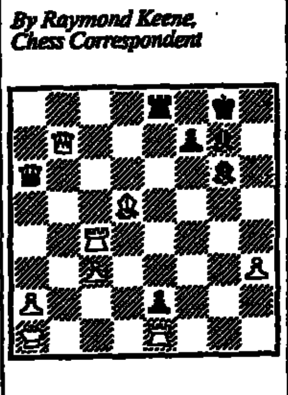
BIANCA
(a) Cassio's mistress in *Othello*. Emilia – who is as honest as her husband Iago *is not* – calls *her a strumpet.* Bianca replies: "I am no strumpet, but of life as honest As you that thus abuse me." Be that as it may, she wears the handkerchief with its magic properties that Cassio has given her.

LUCENTIO
(a) A handsome young hero, in love with Bianca in *The Taming of the Shrew*. He disguises himself as a Latin teacher, Cambio, and courts her under the pretence of construing Virgil: "*Hac ibat* – as I told you before – *Simois* I am Lucentio."

DORCAS
(b) Singer of a catch with Mopsa and Autolycus in *The Winter's Tale*, who also has a few unmemorable *lines as a country wench.*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Arnason (White) and Keene (Black) played in Lloyds Masters, London 1981. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Rh6+.

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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. 01-439 4996/7. ITALIAN ART IN THE 20th CENTURY.

CINEMAS
CAMDEN PLAZA
CHELSEA CINEMA King's Road SW3 351 3742 SALAAM BOMBAY (15)
CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. LOUIS MALLE'S AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG)
CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 JACK PALANCE in PERCY ADLON'S BAGDAD CAFE (PG)
CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. SYLVIA CHANG in MIKE NEWELL'S SOURSWEET (15)
LUMIERE St Martin's Lane WC2
MINEMA 45 Knightsbridge
ODEON HAYMARKET 839 7697
ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE
ODEON MARBLE ARCH
ODEON WEST END Leicester Square
RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET
COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Lear.
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Tonight & Tomor 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Garden Concert.
SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 BALLET SOLOMONIAN Eves 7.30pm.

THEATRES
ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Exp
ALBERY 867 1115 BEST MUSICAL WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS
ALDWYCH 836 6404/0641 ROWAN ATKINSON CHERYL CAMPBELL TIMOTHY WEST THE SNEEZE MARVELLOUSLY FUNNY
AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards
APOLLO THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave. FRANCESCA ANNIS GILLIAN BARGE ZOE WANAMAKER NATIONAL THEATRE production of MRS KLEIN by NICHOLAS WRIGHT Directed by PETER GILL
APOLLO VICTORIA 828 8665 FIFTH HIT YEAR! STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN
ARTS 836 2132 TEECHERS
BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY FINAL PERFS TON'T 7.30, TOMOR 2.00 & 7.30 THE CHURCHILL PLAY HOWARD BRENTON'S
BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE THEATRICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR COMES TO LONDON THE PLANTAGENETS
COMEDY THEATRE Panton St. SW1 01-930 2578 ALEC GUINNESS EDWARD HERRMANN in A WALK IN THE WOODS by LEE BLESSING
DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL MISS SAIGON
DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL BACK WITH A VENGEANCE THE SECOND COMING WITH THE ALMOST IMMORTAL BARRY HUMPHRIES
CRITERION S 867 1117 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY
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DONMAR WAREHOUSE VICTOR SPINETTI'S VERY PRIVATE DIARY
DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 TOM STOPPARD'S ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE
FORTUNE 836 2238 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE!
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GARRICK 01 379 6107 NOEL COWARD'S THE VORTEX
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PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ELAINE PAIGE in ANYTHING GOES
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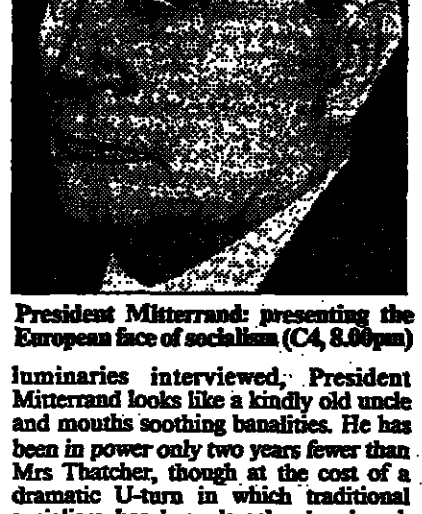
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Looking left in Europe

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● As Britain prepares to mark the tenth anniversary of the coming to power of Mrs Thatcher, Next Left (Channel 4, 8.00pm) takes a timely four-part look at the state of the left in Western Europe. Using two words where one will do, Neil Kinnock declares that those who want to attend the socialist funeral must look elsewhere. Blackburn Labour Party fêtes its 78-year-old veteran, Barbara Castle, but finds it easier to have pride in the past than confidence in the future. Twice the programme quotes Mrs Thatcher: "Step by step we are rolling back the frontiers of socialism." But Thatcherism, we are reminded, stops at the white cliffs of Dover. In continental Europe there are a dozen governments run wholly or partly by socialist parties. Socialism is alive and well, except in Britain. But what sort of socialism? One of several



President Mitterrand: presenting the European face of socialism (C4, 8.00pm)

luminaries interviewed, President Mitterrand looks like a kindly old uncle and mouths soothing banalities. He has been in power only two years fewer than Mrs Thatcher, though at the cost of a dramatic U-turn in which traditional socialism has been largely abandoned. Sweden has had a socialist government for ages, providing even the poorest of its citizens with a standard of life almost luxurious by British standards. But Swedes are happy to pay high taxes for high benefits, the antithesis of Thatcherism. Presented by Olivia O'Leary, *Next Left* has shrewd points to make about the erosion of the old working class from which socialism drew its support. Daniel Cohn-Bendit, now a German "Green", likens modern European society to a rugby ball: the poor at one tip, the rich at the other and the fat part representing the large and growing middle class. It promises to be a stimulating series.

● Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) profiles Eugene Ionesco, 77-year-old doyen of the Theatre of the Absurd, who has abandoned the stage and taken to producing vast, childlike, abstract paintings. He says he has lost faith in words: there is too much talk and too many books. True to his Dada and Surrealist roots, he still believes that the world is created like a farce, a joke that God is playing on man. As he looks towards death, Ionesco says he is circling round and round God but with little hope of reaching him. British theatre stalwarts Jonathan Miller and Sir Peter Hall fill out the portrait.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Edgar and Goliath* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Children are invited to phone in and tell viewers what they like to watch.
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion *on relationships* between parents and teenagers
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by: Henry Kelly (r).
10.25 Children's BBC presented by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** The Wombles, narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven with Richard Briers.
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air in which Mavis Nicholson continues *her series of interviews* with people who have been in the headlines.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. The guests include *Bread* star Peter Howitt. **12.55** *Regional news and* weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Jane solves a problem for Scott and Charlene; Gail *reveals* a secret to Beverly; and *Daphne's meeting with her* father ends in a shock **1.50** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time featuring Barney Bear, Betty Boop and Tom and Jerry
2.15 Railwatch. This last of the week-long, live series presented by Mike Smith, examines future plans for the London to Edinburgh line **3.00** Bugs Bunny's Valentine Special **3.20** The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r).
3.40 Lifeline. Cliff Michelmore and Debbie Thrower with the latest charity news; and an appeal on behalf of the Development Trust for the Young Disabled by Richard Baker (r).
3.50 Is That a Fact? Young people explore the true stories behind myths and legends. **4.05** SuperTed (r). **4.15** Jackanory. *Peter O'Brien* with part five of Ivy Baker's *The Monday Sheepdog*. **4.30** Knock Knock. The first of a new series of the game show presented by Steve Colman.
4.55 Newsround Extra **5.05** Grange Hill. Episode 14 of the 20-part children's serial. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.30 London Plus
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Les Dawson, Joe Longthorne and Jackie Mason, an ex-Rabbi now a top American comedian
7.35 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Frank and Betty join the local Scottish dancing club and are *determined not to be missed out* when the club decide to put on a special exhibition in honour of the local Liberal Party candidate (r).
8.10 Dynasty. Hard-up Alexis is fuming when Sable pulls-off a multi-million dollar coup; Fallon finds a handful of problems for Blake when she beavers about in the basement of the Carrington mansion; and Krystle finds the will to live. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Making Out. Episode seven of the eight-part series about a group of women working in a Manchester electronics factory. The redoubtable Bella Grout is hired to supervise the business administration of the factory, following the report by *the Koreans' efficiency expert.* (Ceefax)
10.20 Railwatch. Highlights from the week's live behind-the-scenes look at how British Rail's Eastern Region works, presented by Mike Smith.
11.10 Film: Stay Hungry (1976) starring Jeff Bridges, Sally Field and Arnold Schwarzenegger. The story of a bored tycoon who makes a property deal involving a gymnasium where he finds young men training for the "Mr Universe" contest. But his new-found enthusiasm for the business brings unforeseen problems. Directed by Bob Rafelson
12.50am Weather.

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain *presented by Mike Morris and* Kathy Tayler; **8.00** News; **9.00** Wacaday with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 The Pyramid Game. Quiz show hosted by Steve Jones. The guests are Gyles Brandreth and Sally James **9.55** Thames news and weather.
10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . . From Duchy Home Farm, Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, Anna Soubrey chairs a discussion on the organic v inorganic controversy. Among the guests *are organic farmer Patrick Holden,* allergy doctor Jean Monro; Richard Macdonald, south-west director of the NFU; and nutritionist Stephanie Lashford.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes an item on parent participation in their children's education. Sir *Clement Freud* on food, and today's *Find a Family* child.
12.10 Rainbow. *Puppet series (r).* **12.30** Take the High Road. Mairi seems to be plotting something special for the hen night.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville. Weather. **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 God in the Classroom. Should Britain's Muslim schools receive financial help from the state? **2.00** The Bill (r). **2.55** Home Cookery Club. Apple Tart (r).
3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades presented by Michael *Parkinson. This afternoon Lionel* Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Annabel Croft, Ross Davidson, Kenny Everett, Ian Ogilvy, Adrienne Posta and Diane Solomon. **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian *family* drama series.
4.00 Mr Fixit **4.05** Hot Dog with Marcus Clarke and Pat Coombs **4.20** Scooby Doo. Cartoon series **4.45** Round the Bend.
5.10 Home and Away. Australian drama series about a couple and their five foster children.
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
5.55 The Weekend Live presented by Mike Smith and Joanna Kaye. Includes an update of the *Find a Family* campaign; **6.05** LWT News; **6.15** Friday Now with Pam Royle.
7.00 Through the Keyhole. The first of a new series of the quiz game, presented by David Frost, in which celebrities try to guess the identity of the owner of a house described *by Loyd Grossman.* Tonight's guests are Chris Tarrant, Alan Titchmarsh and Eve Pollard.
7.30 Surprise Surprise. A number of viewers at home and in the audience are treated to the dubious delights of the unexpected. With Cilla Black, Bob Carolgees and Gordon Burns.
8.30 The Two of Us. Comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley as a couple living in *happy disharmony.* (Oracle)
9.00 A Bit of a Do. The final programme of the comedy drama series and the Simcocks, Liz Rodenhurst and Neville Badger congregate for a registry office wedding. Starring David Jason, *Gwen Taylor, Nicola Pagett and* Michael Jayston. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and John Suchet. Weather. **10.30** LWT News and weather
10.35 The London Programme, presented by Trevor Phillips, examines the reasons why some people are being made ill by the environment in which they work, and what can be done about this growing problem.
11.05 The Weekend Live Update.
11.15 Film: The Birds (1963) starring Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren and Suzanne Pleshette. Thriller, based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier, about birds attacking humans after a spoilt socialite purchases a pair of lovebirds for *her boyfriend and sets off up the* California coast from San Francisco to deliver them. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.
1.20 Night Network includes guests Gail Anne Dorsey, David Essex, David Jensen and Clare Grogan.
4.00 American College Football. East Tennessee v West Carolina.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon. Ends at **7.20.** **9.00** Ceefax
9.30 Daytime on Two: Spanish for *beginners* **9.45** *The River Clyde* **10.05** Look and read **10.25** The police in society **10.45** Storytime **11.03** Children compose tunes based on the D major chord **11.25** Computer knowledge **11.40** *The High-Rise Mystery* **12.00** Maths **12.20** Susan Hill discusses issues raised by her novel *I'm the King of the Castle* **12.55** The Guardian Angel vigilantes.
1.25 Pinny's House (r). **1.30** Philomena (r). **1.40** English Time (r).
2.00 *News and weather followed by* You and Me (r). **2.15** Weekend Outlook (r).
2.20 Sport on Friday Snooker: highlights of the final of the European Open; Rugby Union: a preview of tomorrow's France v Wales and Ireland v England matches; Football: a look at tomorrow's FA Cup fifth round games. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
4.00 Catchword. Word game.
4.30 Tennis Legends. Manuel Santana *v Owen Davidson*
5.00 Handmade. Crafts magazine. **5.30** Holiday 89 (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Chequered Flag or Crash (1976) starring Larry Hagman. Drama about the rivalries between competitors in a three-day *racing event involving motorbikes* and sports cars. Directed by Alan Gibson.
7.35 Bilko (b/w) starring Phil Silvers (r).
8.00 Hopping Down to Kent. Six Londoners re-live the experience of a hop-picking holiday in Kent
8.30 *Gardeners' World. The first of a* new series.
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Comedy
9.30 Arena: Eugene Ionesco – the Joke's on Us (see Choice).
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show with Clive James. *Allan Bloom, Carmen Callil and* Anthony Burgess discuss the decline of Western civilization.
12.00 Weather.
12.05am Film: The Fortune Cookie (1966, b/w) starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon. Comedy about a television sports cameraman who is persuaded by his brother-in-law to sue for millions of dollars after being injured while filming a football match. Directed by Billy Wilder. (Ceefax) Ends at **2.10.**

CHANNEL 4

8.30 Sesame Street. **9.30** Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Open at One. Magazine series *about the Open College* **1.30** *Open* Mind with Dr Janet Morgan talking about the changing world of high technology.
2.00 Reid About the USSR. Jimmy Reid with the third and final programme of his series on the changing face of the Soviet Union (r).
3.00 Film: Time Gentlemen Please! (1952, b/w) starring Eddie Byrne. Comedy, set in a remote English village, about the local layabout who promises to be a problem when *the area is visited by the Prime* Minister. Directed by Lewis Gilbert.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Vintage American comedy series
5.30 Flight Over Spain. Leon in Northern Spain from the air. Narrated by Allan Hargreaves. (Oracle)
6.00 Wagon Train (b/w). Western adventures, first shown in the 1950s
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.
7.55 Book Choice. Marina Warner comments on Marianne Wiggins's *John Dollar.* (Oracle)
8.00 Next Left. (see Choice)
9.00 Vintage. In part seven of his 13-part history of wine Hugh Johnson examines the history of champagne.
9.30 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Oracle)
10.00 Roseanne. Comedy about an overweight American couple – the wife works in a factory, the husband is unemployed.
10.30 *The Groovy Fellers.*
11.20 It's Showtime at the Apollo presented by Mary Wilson and Freddie Jackson. Tonight's guests include Whodini and Expose
12.15am Film: Glory Alley (1952, b/w) starring Ralph Meeker and Leslie Caron. *A psychological drama* about a promising young boxer whose flight from the ring before a title fight alienates him from his friends and his young lady. Directed by Raoul Walsh.
1.45 Film: Number Seventeen (1932, b/w) starring Leon M. Lion and John Stuart. An early Hitchcock drama about a Cockney tramp and a police officer who join forces to bring a gang of jewel thieves to justice. Ends at **2.50.**

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

5.30 European Business Channel: live business news programme
8.00 The DJ Kat Show: children's show including *Dennis*: comedy series) **8.30** Skippy: adventure series
9.00 The Lucy Show: comedy series
9.30 Countdown by Sony Tape: Pop music show
10.30 Sky By Day: magazine show
11.30 The Sullivans: drama series
12.00 Another World: drama series
1.00 General Hospital: drama series
2.00 As The World Turns: drama series
3.00 Loving: drama series
3.30 Family Affair: comedy series
4.00 Countdown By Sony Tape
5.00 The Young Doctors: drama series
5.30 Three's Company: comedy series
6.00 Sky Star Search: variety and talent show
7.00 Sale of the Century: game show
7.30 Bring 'Em Back Alive: action series
8.00 Hey Dad: comedy series
8.30 The Little House on the Prairie (1974). Made for television family drama about life on the Kansas frontier. Starring and directed by Michael Landon
9.30 Against The Wind: drama series
10.30 Canon Prima Fashion Show
11.00 Motor Sports News
11.30 Police Story: action series
12.30 Arts Channel Programmes from Sky starting with Jazz with Chico Freeman
3.30 Landscape Channel Programmes

SKY NEWS

News on the hour from **6.00am**
6.30 European Business Channel **9.30** *Morning Magazine* **11.30** *Our World*
12.30 NBC Today **2.30** Good Health **3.30** Our World **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** The Reporters **6.30** Wild West End **7.30** Beyond 2000
8.30 Frank Bough Interview **9.30** The Reporters **10.30** Nightline
12.30 Wild West End **1.30** Target **2.30** Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** Beyond 2000
5.30 Entertainment Tonight

SKY MOVIES

4.00pm Six Pack (1982). Kenny Roger stars as a stock driver looking after six orphans. Directed by Daniel Petrie.
6.00pm Project X (1987). Matthew Broderick as an airforce pilot working on a top secret military training involving chimpanzees. Jonathan Kaplan directs.
8.00pm The Pirate Movie (1982). Spoof based on the *Pirates of Penzance*. With Kirsty McNichol. Directed by Ken Annakin.
10.00pm Bachelor Party (1984). The groom s plans for a quiet stag night do not coincide with those of his friends, nor his fiancée. With Tom Hanks and Tawny Kitaen. Directed by Neal Israel.
12.00am *Rolling Vengeance* (1987). A family feud is settled with the aid of a massive eight-ton truck. Directed by Steven H Stern.

EUROSPORT

10.30am Mobil Motor Sports News· **11.00** Surfer Magazine **11.30** Hopman Cup Tennis **1.30pm** European Snooker Championships
4.30 Preview of Eurosport Programmes on Sky Television **6.00** *Ford Ski Report* **7.00** *Hopman* Cup Tennis **9.00** TBA **11.00** Bandy Hockey **11.30** Surfer Magazine
12.00 Close

MTV

6.00 MTV! **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** MTV! **2.30** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** 3 from 1 at 5 **4.15** Malken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV
6.00 MTV at the Movies **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** XPO **8.00** Ray Cokes
9.30 Yo! **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** Your Scene! Erotika **12.00** Club MTV
12.30 Night Videos.

PREMIER

3.00pm Rivals **4.35** Street Legal **5.35** February Review
6.00 Gallagher's Travels **7.30** Hollywood Inside – Show 7 **8.00** The Gate **9.30** Twilight Zone **10.00** The Keeper **11.20** My Chauffeur
1.00 Friday the 13th – Part Five
2.30 The Making of . . . No Man's Land **2.55** Close

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **7.35-8.10** Avant le Deluge **11.10** Snooker **11.40** Film Stay Hungry **1.20am-1.25** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20** Macgregor's Scotland **10.50** Left, Right and Centre **11.20** Railwatch Omnibus **12.10am** Film Stay Hungry **1.50** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: **2.20pm-3.50** Snooker **7.35-8.30** Public Account SCOTLAND: **8.00pm-8.30** Brag NORTHERN IRELAND: **10.25am-10.45** Ulster in Focus **12.00-12.20pm** Study Ireland **8.00-8.30** The Way That I Went ENGLAND: **8.00pm-8.30** *Midlands* Birmingham. *North* and *North-east:* North of Westminster. *North-west:* Sportsround. *East:* Tango Tango One Three. *South:* Jane; *South-west:* Through the garden Gate. *West:* West on Two

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **5.10-5.40** About Anglia Xtra **5.55** About Anglia **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Home and Away **10.35** Cross Question **11.20** Film Eat My Dust! **1.00am** The Bill **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Special Squad.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Dining in France **1.20** News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.55** Lookaround **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** The Union and the League **11.05** Film Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct.

CENTRAL *As London except:* **1.20pm** *News* **1.30** Film Life with Blondie' **2.50** Magic Magic **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Central Post **5.55** News **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Home and Away **10.35** Central Weekend **12.05am** Kojak **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Film: The Aliens are Coming **3.50** American College Football **4.50-5.00** Felix the Cat.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** *Farmhouse Kitchen* **2.00-3.00** Rags to Riches **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.20** Look Who's Talking **6.50-7.00** Find a Family **10.35** Etc **11.20** Ski Tips **11.50** V **12.50am** Burke's Law **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Facing South **4.30-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Chain Letters **1.20** Grampian news **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **5.55** North Tonight **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Top Club **10.35** Crossfire **11.05** Film. Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.55** *Granada Reports* **6.20** *Find a Family* **6.30-7.00** Kick Off **10.35** Stand Up **11.05** Film Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Falcon Crest **5.55** News **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Sportstime **10.35** Pub *Challenge* **11.05** *Scene 89* **11.35** Kojak **12.30am** Film Streetfighter **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Good Life Guide **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55pm** Wales at Six **6.50-7.00** Find a Family **10.35** Caryl **11.05-11.35** 9 to 5.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **6.00** Today **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** *Only When I Laugh* **10.35** *Sledgehammer* **11.05** Film Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00-3.00** Rags to Riches **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.55** Coast to Coast **6.50-7.00** Find a Family **10.35** etc **11.20** Ski Tips **11.50** V **12.45am** Then Jericho **12.55** Burke's Law **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Facing South **4.30-5.00** Jack Thompson

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** People with a Passion **5.55** Northern Life **6.50-7.00** Find a Family **10.35** On the Edge **11.05** Film Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **3.30-4.00** Glenroe **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20** Find a Family **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat **10.35** Witness **10.40** Rally Ireland **11.05** Film. Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Police Precinct.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film Four-Sided *Triangle'* **6.00** *Calendar* **6.20** *Find a Family* **6.30-7.00** Dear Miriam **10.35** Great Yorkshire Show **12.05am** Kojak **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Action!

S4C Starts: **8.30am** Open College **9.30** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.345** Brwsio **1.00** Parliament Programme **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Six Centuries of Verse **2.30** Film: On Moonlight Bay **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Lost in Space **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Byd Natur **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Amser Chwarae **7.30** Sbler **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.30** Snwcer **10.00** Golden Girls **10.30** Groovy Fellers **11.15** It's Showtime at the Apollo **12.15am** Film Glory Alley' **1.45** Film Number Seventeen' **2.50** Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: **2.05pm** The Pallisers **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Sons and Daughters **4.30** Mapp and Lucia **5.30** Sullivans **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Play the Game **7.30** Head to Toe **8.00** China Beach **9.00** News **9.30** Late Late Show **11.30** News **11.35** Film: The Blue Gardenia **1.15am** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Robin and Rosie **3.15** Muppet Babies **3.50** T-Bag **4.05** Top Cat **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.50** Ten Minute Tales **5.00** Newsline **5.25** Danger Bay **6.00** *Joe-Max* **6.30** *Home and Away* **7.00** *Nuacht* **7.05** Cursai **7.30** Sound of Music **8.00** Sports World **9.00** Mr President **9.30** Film Red Countess **11.55** Avengers **12.50am** Closedown.

RADIO 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Big Beat **9.30** In Concert (Jeff Healey Band and KD Lang and the Reclines) **10.30** The Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

MW (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Alan Dedicoat **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Memories of You **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** John Alley at the Piano **9.00** Nigel Ogden with The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith **10.30** An Actor's Life for Me **11.00** Billy Butler **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00am World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **7.30** What Do Christians Believe? **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Now **8.45** Images of Britain **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Seven Seas **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** The Great Ballets **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Profile **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00pm** Newsreel **12.15** What Do Christians Believe? **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** Music Now **3.45** Images of Britain **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** From Old-Time to New Country **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00am** Newsdesk **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Classical Record Review **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 648 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 10 in B minor: I Musici); Glazunov (Slavonic Festival in G: USSR Radio Symphony Orchestra under Odissei Dimitriady)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Bax (Overture to a Picaresque Comedy: LPO under Bryden Thomson); Handel (Concerto grosso in D minor Op 6 No 10: ECO under Raymond Leppard); Rheinberger (Organ Concerto No 1 in F: RPO under Jahja Ling with Michael Murray, organ)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn. Organ Sonata in C minor Op 65 No 2: Peter Hurford (organ); *Hear My Prayer:* Andrew Oileson (treble) with Harry Bicket (organ) and the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral directed by Francis Grier; Songs without Words Op 67: Livia Rev (piano); Elijah *(part two): New* Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos with Gwyneth Jones (soprano), Janet Baker (mezzo-soprano), Nicolai Gedda (tenor) and *Dietrich Fischer-*Dieskau (baritone)
9.35 East Meets West: Joachim (Overture to In memoriam Heinrich von Kleist: Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra under Meir Minsky); Ibert (Trois pièces brèves: York Winds); Bartok (Rhapsody Op 1: Peter Donohoe, piano); Bach (Cantata Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen: English *Baroque Soloists under* John Eliot Gardiner); Liszt (From the Cradle to the Grave: LPO under Bernard Haitink); Shostakovich (Piano Sonata No 2 Op 61: Peter Donohoe); Geminiani (Concerto grosso in *E minor* Op 3 No 3: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Bartok (Rhapsody Op 1: Budapest Festival Orchestra under Ivan Fischer); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 4 in D minor: LPO under Charles Dutoit with Salvatore Accardo, violin)
12.25 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Antoni Wit conducts Shostakovich's Symphony No 1 in F minor
1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Live from Studio Seven. Felicity Palmer (mezzo-soprano) accompanied by John Constable (piano) plays Songs Op 10 by Strauss, Arensky and Barber
2.00 New Swiss Organs: Last of three programmes. Nicholas Danby gives a Bach recital on the new Silbermann copy in the Jesuit Church in Porrentruy
2.35 Beaux Arts Trio: Beethoven's *Piano Trio in G* Op 1 No 2; George Rochberg's Piano Trio (1985); and Brahms's Piano Trio in B Op 8 (r)
4.10 Music for Clarinet and Piano: Thea King and *Clifford Benson* play Stephen Dodgson's Baermann's Treasure; and Variations on a Theme by Weber; and Joseph Rheinberger's Sonata in E flat minor Op 105a
4.45 BBC Concert Orchestra: Bryden Thomson conducts Lars-Erik Larsson's Pastoral Suite Op 19; Nielsen's Little Suite Op 1; and Svendsen's Norwegian Rhapsody No 3 in C
5.30 A Passage to Penge: Written and read in 10 parts by Brian Wright
5.45 Leadbelly: In the second of two programmes profiling the legendary black American singer and guitarist, Paul Oliver chronicles Leadbelly's attempts at presenting a radio show and recording for the Library of Congress
6.15 The Works: With David Owen Norris
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Rothenstein talks to Bryan Robertson about his prints, paintings and assemblages
7.30 The Friday Play: The Old Law by Thomas Middleton, William Bowley, Philip Massinger and Peter Barnes, about a small Greek state which decrees that all women aged 60 and all men aged 80 should be put to death (r)
9.25 Chilingirian String Quartet: Schubert's String Quartet in D (D74); Mozart's String Quartet in F (K590); and Walton's String Quartet in A minor. Includes **10.15** *Interval reading*
11.00 Composers of the Week: Holmboe and Rosenberg. Holmboe's Den lyse bat (Lykken – Eydna Op 119); String Quartet No 15 Op 135; and Symphony No 10; *and Rosenberg's Overture* to Marionettes (r)
12.00 News.
12.05am Closedown

RADIO 4

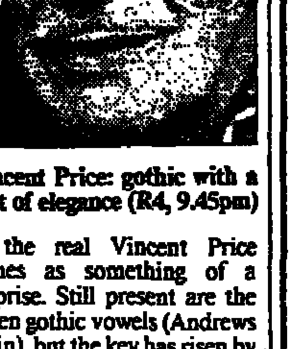
LW and (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is conductor *Jeffrey Tate (s) (r)*
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 *Morning Story: Death of a* Parish Priest by Bernard MacLaverty. Read by Maurice O'Callaghan
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: Broadcasting's Big Bang. *Peter Fiddick* presents a documentary on the future of broadcasting in Britain in the light of the government's White Paper (r)
11.47 Enquire Within with Dilly Barlow
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
12.25 The Food Programme: Scientists, manufacturers, farmers and politicians join Derek Cooper to discuss Britain's future food policy **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News, Woman's Hour: from Belfast. Wendy Austin talks to the poet Clare Boylan and the writer Theodore FitzGibbon about morality. Do artists have a licence to be more outrageous than the rest of us, or should they be *more responsible?*
3.00 News; The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky, dramatized in eight parts. With Freddie Jones, Michael Maloney, Stuart Wilson, Tim Brierley, Eleanor Bron and Angela Down (2) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 To Keep the Memory Green: Humphrey Carpenter visits the Samuel Pepys Club, talks to a descendant of the famous diarist and hears Enoch Powell discuss Pepys's influence on Parliament
4.30 Kaleidoscope reviews Oxford Stage Company's dramatization of the life of Paul Robeson, the American singer and civil rights campaigner; and a new set *of poems from Ken Smith,* who spent a year with the inmates of Wormwood Scrubs (s) (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Travel and transport news with Clive Jacobs, Tom Boswell and Alanah Martin
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Broadcasting highlights chosen and presented by Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Horsham, West Sussex, with a panel comprising Roy Hattersley, MP, Des Wilson, *chairman* of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, Lord St John of Fawsley and Rosalind Gilmore
8.50 Law in Action: In this week's edition of the magazine *programme about the legal* professions, Marcel Berlins reports on the impartiality of the legal system in Northern Ireland; the widow of an air crash victim who wants to sue a foreign airline in an English court; *and profiles* the life and work of the greatest advocate of all time
9.15 Wally K Daly in the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews talks to actor Vincent Price (s) (see Choice)
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Odd Man Out by F L Green read by Denys Hawthorne (last part) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: With David Sells
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Week Ending: Satirical *review of the week's news* presented by Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as **LW** except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time

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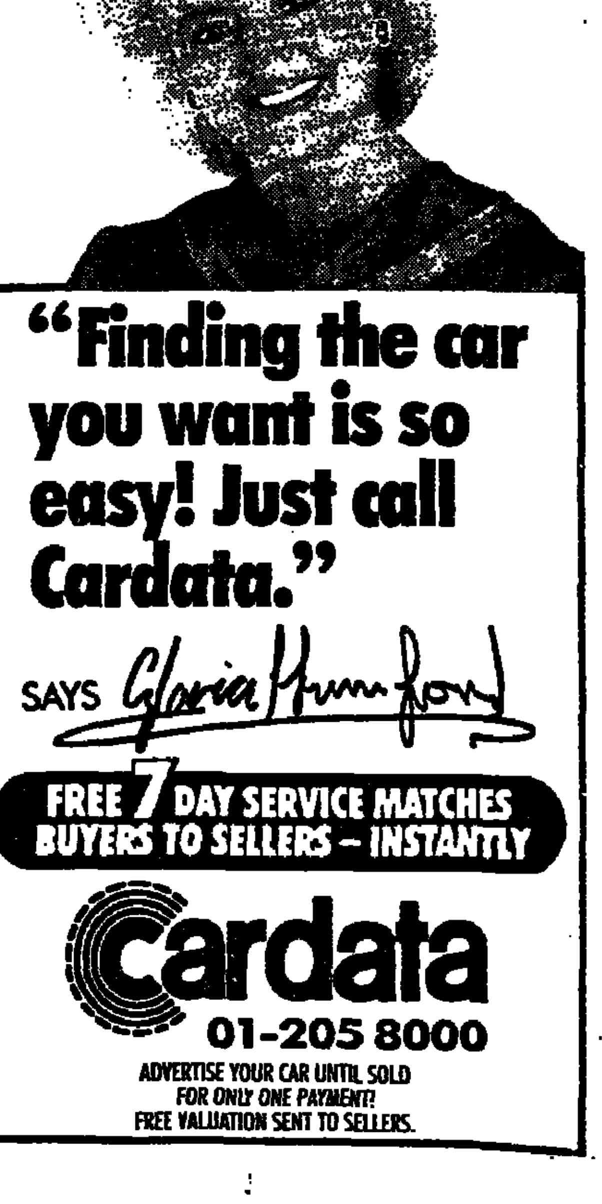
Peter Davalle

● What we expect from the screen actor Vincent Price, interviewed in Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.45pm) is the touch of refinement that should come naturally to his alternative self – *cordon bleu* cook and fine arts expert. And, sure enough, the hint of elegance is here. Not to be expected – and, consequently, not heard tonight – is what interviewer Nigel Andrews calls the velvet snarl that has lent distinction to some thrillers that have sorely needed it. But the voice



Vincent Price: gothic with a hint of elegance (R4, 9.45pm)

of the real Vincent Price comes as something of a surprise. Still present are the silken gothic vowels (Andrews again), but the key has risen by about two tones. The reason is that, for his one-man Oscar Wilde stage show which ran for five years, Price lifted his voice to an approximation of Wilde's "Irish Protestant pitch", and it has not returned to normal. Horror film actors are not given to quoting Aristotle, but Price does it without affectation when he *explains* the success of his aesthetic baddies. Aristotle said that a villain should sound high-born because when he has to pay for his sins, the *hoi polloi* will better understand that they must pay for theirs, too.



Dealing with poisons on our plate

The number of people affected by food poisoning in Britain has never been higher, and public anxiety over the risks has never been greater (*writes* **Thomson Prentice**, Science Correspondent). The need for expert advice is urgent and essential. *In an exclusive interview with The Times, Sir* Donald Acheson, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, discusses how the current epidemics of illness and alarm can best be controlled.

Q: Figures show that Britain is suffering its worst experience of illness related to salmonella and listeria bacteria. Why is this alarming increase taking place?

A: *We don't know for certain what* the causes of the striking increase in salmonella enteriditis and listeriosis are. Most experts would agree that in each case, part of the trouble is due to changes in the production and processing of foods and their retailing and handling at home.

Salmonellosis is due to the salmonella *enteriditis organism, which* has its natural host in poultry and is also pathogenic in man. It is present in both chicken and eggs.

Listeria is a ubiquitous organism found in soil, water, and vegetation, and none of us can avoid it. One in 20 of us are carriers, but most of us succeed in living with it without becoming ill from it. But a small group, including pregnant women and people whose immune defences against diseases have been reduced, are at risk.

Listeria is related to food because it grows in certain foodstuffs and can grow *even at temperatures* which many refrigerators run at, that is, 6° Centigrade.

Very high counts of listeria can be found in some soft cheeses which normally we eat uncooked. Certain cooked and chilled foods which we *can buy have low counts of listeria,* which can easily be destroyed by *reheating the food.* The problem arises when the person buying this sort of food does not follow common hygiene procedures at home.

There is considerable public confusion about the risks to the individual of both infections. Can you put them in perspective?

Salmonellosis due to eggs and *poultry has become a relatively* common cause of stomach upsets, not least at functions where eggs are used in large numbers and have been pooled together and consumed in food that has not been cooked. It also causes illness in large numbers of people in sporadic cases.

Usually this is an unpleasant *nuisance, and only very occasionally* fatal. On the basis of 10 actual cases for *every one reported,* there would have been about 120,000 such minor cases last year, but not more than about 50 deaths.

Listeriosis is quite different. We are aware of only about 300 cases last year, but these include 50 deaths and *11 miscarriages. The chance of* the ordinary person who is not *pregnant and immuno-com-*promised becoming ill is so remote *that it is not worth worrying about.*

But in pregnant women our best *estimate is that there is the risk of a* miscarriage or stillbirth due to listeria for one in 7,000 conceptions. This is a small number, but in my opinion, it is unacceptably high.

People say we are dragging our feet but Britain is the first country to issue comprehensive advice about listeria. We have taken a very *substantial step in going to the* public and telling them of the *potential risks.* If our advice is followed, there ought to be a substantial reduction in cases of illness.

What is the best advice to reduce the risks of listeriosis from food?

Pregnant women should avoid *eating soft, ripened cheeses such as* Brie, Camembert and blue-vein types. Hard cheeses, such as Cheddar, processed cheeses, cottage cheeses and cheese spreads have not given cause for concern.

The levels of listeria found in *other foods, such as cooked-chilled* meals and ready-to-eat poultry, have usually been very low. Given the particular risks to the developing foetus, however, it would be prudent for pregnant women to reheat these types of food until they are piping hot, rather than to eat them cold.

Other people who should follow *this advice are those with an* underlying illness which leaves them more at risk of infection, patients who have had transplants, those on certain drugs which depress the immune system, and those with leukaemia or cancers of the lymphatic tissues.

Everyone should follow general hygiene advice, *observing the storage* instructions and the "best by" and "eat by" dates carefully. Do not eat under-cooked poultry or meat products. Wash salads, fruit and vegetables that will be eaten raw. Follow microwave cooking instructions carefully. Throw away left-over food which has been reheated.

What advice is necessary for food producers and retailers, such as supermarkets?

There has been confusion recently about cooked-chilled foods in catering, such as are provided in many hospitals, and pre-cooked, chilled foods sold in supermarkets. There are important differences. In the catering sector, these meals are cooked, rapidly chilled, and consumed *within a maximum of five* days after they have been carefully reheated. There are strict controls right to the moment the plate is brought to the patient's bed. In our own survey, we found contamination in only 2 per cent of these foods.

However, in pre-cooked, chilled foods sold in supermarkets, we found *contamination in 12 per cent* of poultry meals and 18 per cent in *other types. Clearly something has* happened along the way and retailers are going to have to deal with it ... There is a lot of time in the chain of stages between the preparation of these foods, their distribution and their display on the ... shelves.

Manufacturers are well aware of the critical controls required and are *co-operating with the Department* of Health in producing a code of practice to cover all stages to ensure that good practice, designed to prevent any problem with listeria, is followed throughout the system. We are also reviewing food hygiene regulations to require a maximum temperature for the distribution, *storage and sale of pre-cooked,* chilled foods.

This code of practice and the amended regulations will be issued shortly for consultation with interested parties. However, the problem also lies with the consumer who buys refrigerated food and does not store it properly.

Are you satisfied with food hygiene standards in hospitals?

The number of outbreaks of salmonella poisoning in hospitals has declined in recent years, which suggests to me that standards have improved, but I have no doubt more *needs to be done.* The safety record on cooked-chilled hospital food is very good.

How can people be sure they are keeping food at home at low enough temperatures. Shouldn't all refrigerators be fitted with easy to read thermometers?

Refrigerator thermometers can be bought. The best ones for the purpose contain alcohol, rather than mercury. It is a matter for refrigerator manufacturers to consider installing thermometers. We will be issuing public health advice on refrigerator temperatures.

What is the role of the new food government advisory committee?

This will be a group of experts, with an external and independent chairman, which will be examining the scientific basis of these problems in the production and marketing of food, and producing recommendations on how to ... remedy the problems.

There is anxiety among scientists about cuts in food research. Should there not now be more research?

The events in the last few years, with the increasing amount of salmonellosis and listeriosis, have underlined the need for further research in these areas. Obviously these projects have to take their place in the list of priorities, but the causes have to be looked at. That is *why we instigated our own survey of* contamination of foods, the results of which have been published very promptly in *The Lancet.*

Do you believe closer collaboration is necessary between veterinary and human medicine?

These problems require inter-disciplinary action involving *veterinary specialists,* doctors, medical microbiologists and food scientists. The closer they work together, the better it will be for public health.

What steps are being taken to make sure that general practitioners are fully informed of the Department of Health's latest advice?

We are writing this week to every *GP giving full details of the information* that has been made public in the last week, with additional clinical advice and epidemiological background. I want all doctors to give this their urgent attention so that they can give the best advice to the small minority of their patients who are at risk, and reassurance to the great *majority that there is no* need to alter their eating habits.

The aim must be to reduce the number of food poisoning cases. How likely is this to be achieved?

I see no reason at all (why) we should not adjust our practices in a way which will substantially reduce these problems, even if it is not possible to eliminate them completely. I suspect that efforts will be *required at every stage of the food* chain, from the producer to the consumer.



Sir Donald Acheson: Most people have no need to alter eating habits.

Political sketch

A day for Alice to have savoured

Someone must have put something into their tea yesterday.

The ultra-loyal Bob Dunn (*Dartford*) sporting an enormous daffodil and *attacking the Government* ... Tony Banks (Newham N.W.) *announcing that he might* become a grandmother ... *The Prime Minister calling* Dave Nellist (Coventry S.E.) an honourable lady ... Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, being howled down by his own side as he tried to defend the legal profession, and Brian Sedgemore and Dennis Skinner playing imaginary violins ...

Something they'd eaten, perhaps?

It started with a another cookery-session in Agriculture Questions. These food-contamination debates are now almost part of the Constitution. They should have a formal slot after prayers. A bewigged and gaitered flunkey in a chef's *hat might follow the Mace-*Bearer and Chaplain in Mr Speaker's procession.

From Labour's Jimmy Wray (Glasgow, Provan), came a sort of leftovers-pudding of a Question. Everything had been chucked in, including a great many *eggs and even more statistics,* most of them drowned by laughter.

"One infested egg in 12,000 ... average person poisoned every 176 days ... burble, burble ... RESIGN!"

Whenever anyone said "listeria" a wag would shout "*hysteria*". By the time Cambridgeshire's Sir Anthony Grant steered his Question (about nitrates in water) towards the finishing-post, little could surprise us.

But Sir Anthony did. "Come to East Anglia if you want to save yourself from *stomach-cancer!*" *he cried,* triumphantly, and sat down. Snappy, that. One for the East Anglian Tourist Board. Reminded me of an official brochure I found on a North-Sea ferry: "SKEGNESS: Behind the sea wall at Skegness are pleasures scarcely to be found elsewhere in the United Kingdom." They still elude me.

As did John Home Robertson's point – deploring attempts by our Continental partners to give rabies-checks lower priority at borders. Isn't it because, at land-frontiers, foxes in a hurry sometimes omit the full border-formalities? It got curiouser and curiouser, as young Alice would have had it.

Dennis Skinner described Mrs Thatcher in green anorak *and green sandals,* eating green rice. Then two junior *ministers,* Angela Rumbold and Eric Forth – both tall and gaunt, he with raven-black hair, waistcoat, magenta tie, gold chain, gold bracelet and rings; she copper-haired and high cheek-boned in black suit and gold rope – stalked across, in step, looking like brother and sister ghouls from the *Rocky Horror Show.*

Our upsidedown world continued when Neil Kinnock asked a short Question and Mrs Thatcher was lost for words. How were plans for zero inflation doing? Plans were – the PM hesitated perilously – "proceeding".

Then another miracle: Mrs Thatcher made a joke. Labour's Ron Leighton asked her how *many Ministers* she had sacked. How *very* ungentlemanly, she replied, with mock-gravity. "Cabinet Ministers *resign.*" Eric and Angela snickered palely, in fiendish mirth.

Kent MPs wore daffodils – a lobbying gimmick – and growled *about rail-lines.* Tony Banks congratulated Mrs Thatcher, soon to be a grandmother. "More than you'll be," someone yelled. "All things are possible" Banks yelled back.

Perhaps this is what confused the PM. Answering *Coventry's Dave* ("A Militant is only a moderate who has got off his knees") Nellist, she called him "My honourable friend – or the honourable gentleman – or lady – or whichever it is."

Then she sat down and started to *giggle.* Honestly! And couldn't stop.

A merry canvas, but like those skulls, *memento mori,* hidden in pictures, two details struck your sketchwriter.

One was Mrs Thatcher's aside: "You do not pay for the Health Service at the point of use, *nor should you.*" No? Not even if you can? A *hostage to fortune.*

The other was the relief of the whole House as the last Soviet soldier leaves Kabul, to be replaced by Mujahidin. We shall see.

Matthew Parris

Accord to legalize Solidarity

Warsaw (Reuter) – Solidarity and Polish Government negotiators agreed yesterday that the banned union could re-emerge as a national move*ment if it agreed to back the* Government's economic and political reforms.

A communiqué issued after *the talks on union pluralism* said both sides agreed that *provisions of a 1982 law* which restrict unions to representing individual branches of industry should be dropped. It should be amended "to make it possible for trade unions freely to create their own organizational structures," it said.

Solidarity's demand for legalization with the national structures it had during its period of legality in 1980-1981 *has been a key issue since talks* opened last week. However, officials expressed doubts before the talks about letting Solidarity re-emerge as a movement capable of challenging the Communist Party's monopoly of power.

"It's exactly what we wanted to get," Solidarity's spokesman, Mr Janusz Onyszkiewicz, commented. "The opening of possibilities for Solidarity to exist in the shape it wants has, in fact, been agreed."

The legalization depended on the success of the "round table" talks in forging a na*tional agreement to back eco*nomic and political reforms and *damp down mounting* labour unrest. The decision followed a similar agreement on Wednesday that farmers' unions would also be allowed to re-emerge.

Jobless fall to below 2m

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the Commons by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who said more people were working than ever before because the Government had created nearly one million jobs in under two years by methods that had "reinforced the prosperity of the economy".

Mr Michael Meacher, Lab*our employment spokesman,* said the government claim that there were 1,988,100 unemployed was a "complete lie". He said the Government's own Labour Force Survey showed there were still 2.6 million looking for work.

"The Government's method of only counting the numbers receiving unemployment benefit is as accurate as weighing yourself with one foot on *the floor. Mr Fowler's jubila*tion is an insult to the two million unemployed he recognizes and even more of one to the 600,000 he ignores."

The seasonally-adjusted total excludes claimants aged under 18 who are guaranteed a place on the Youth Training Scheme. Mr Peter Ashby, director of the industry-backed Full Employment, said the debate about "fiddling the figures" was letting the Government "off the hook". He said: "*The Government must* seize the opportunity and set the ambitious target of only one million unemployed by the end of next year."

The seasonally-unadjusted figure went up for the second month in succession to 2,074,000. The Government said that apart from last November's figure, it was the lowest since November 1980.

Bomb in radio-cassette

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intendent John Orr, senior Scottish investigating officer, said that "the balance of probability" was that the device was placed on the flight in Frankfurt although the container itself was put on board the flight at Heathrow after taking on the baggage from West Germany.

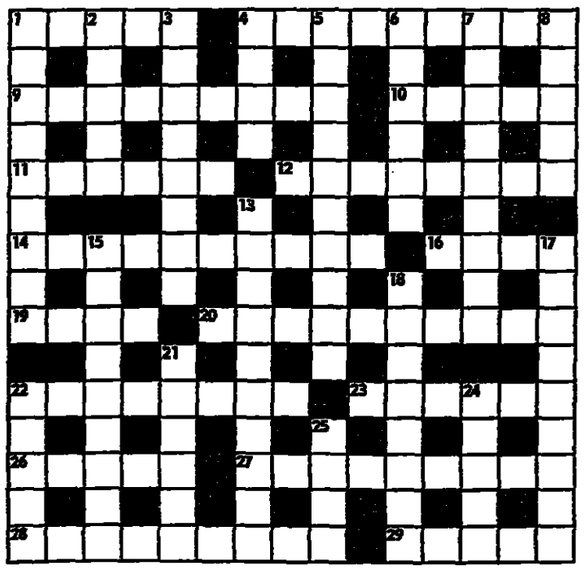
He said the container was found to contain a quantity of baggage from inter-line flights, but most of the baggage in the container had come from Frankfurt.

Mr Orr refused to give any details of the radio cassette, its make or dimensions, but pictures were shown of the wrecked alloy container at a news conference in Lockerbie.

Meticulous reconstruction of the container has taken place with the aid of forensic experts and about a third of it has been recovered.

Mr Orr said: "While there is insufficient evidence, at this stage, to establish the identity of the person or group responsible for this dreadful crime, the progress made and the evidence obtained has been substantial."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,908



ACROSS

1 An old person's island (5).
4 No strings attached if he works in gloves? (9).
9 Once hurt badly by knight's cudgel (9).
10 Over-imbibed on return to the storehouse (5).
11 Cause agitation, as did Tweedledee by spoiling Tweedledum's (6).
12 *A Continental one set down* poetry for all mankind (8).
14 Being free, take car to Japanese drama and Sumo wrestling (10).
16 Muscovite cut short the prophet (4).
19 William Cantuar's double in retreat (4).
20 Chivvying of woman rejected by people in street (10).
22 Assume control and move to the next line (4,4).
23 Basil's book? (6)
26 Concerning a trial of strength (5).
27 Encourage one Greek leader entering ceremonially (9).
28 Ill-timed strikes initially disrupted their corn-grinding (4-5).
29 Pool made by cat (5)

DOWN

1 After bursting into part of a house, it cascades down (9).
2 Grim start for grandad and one of his daughters (5).
3 Amusing way of catching trout (8).
4 Entreaty made by the French in Pennsylvania (4).
5 Rule in Spain – not one I broke – caused this war (10).
6 *Dine out on victory day, this* being in the salad (6).
7 Specialized knowledge gained by its reconstruction in a river (9).
8 Nasty piece of work with dynamite early in the year (5).
13 I am introducing stuff of little account (10).
15 The way to send baggage? (5-4)
17 *Servicemen sick in the bloody* channel (9).
18 One has to look below this star for illumination (8).
21 Boy doubles as a signaller in Africa (3-3).
22 Salute a son in a wee dram (5).
24 *It is most desirable to cage a* wild animal (5).
25 The goddess of islands (4).

Concise crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

SHAKESPERSONS
By Philip Howard

HORTENSIO
a. A courtier in Denmark
b. A gentleman of Verona
c. A servant of Timon

BIANCA
a. A soldier's mistress
b. A Venetian landlady
c. An attendant

LUCENTIO
a. A wooer of Bianca
b. A courtier from Milan
c. A Venetian Councillor

DORCAS
a. A merry wife of Windsor
b. A country wench
c. A girl who is willing

Answers on page 20

The solution of yesterday's Eliminator Puzzle No 17,907 will appear on Thursday, Feb 23

WEATHER

Northern Ireland, Wales and south-west England will start wet, with sleet and snow over highest ground, followed by clearer weather from the west, but further cloud and rain in the evening. Rain will move eastwards across the bulk of Scotland and England, falling as snow over high ground in the north. Clearer weather will not reach the east coast until after dark. Outlook: rain spreading eastwards.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	-	-	-	Majorca	17	63	s	Sombore	9.0	-	6	43	sunny
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Malaga	16	61	s	Cromer	7.4	-	5	41	sunny
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Malta	14	57	f	Lowestoft	8.1	-	6	43	sunny
Algiers	14	57	f	Malt'hse	23	73	c	Clacton	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Amst'dam	4	39	f	Mexico C*	19	66	s	Margate	6.5	.02	7	45	sunny
Athens	13	55	s	Miami*	27	81	s	Brighton	3.9	-	8	46	sunny
Bahrain	17	63	s	Milan	12	54	s	Sandown	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
Barbados*	27	81	r	Montreal*	-1	30	sn	Bournemth	4.3	-	9	48	bright
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	0	32	sn	Weymouth	2.6	-	9	48	bright
Belgrade	5	41	c	Munich	4	39	f	Torquay	3.9	-	9	48	bright
Berlin	4	39	f	Nairobi	25	77	f	Penzance	6.1	-	10	50	sunny
Bermuda*	21	70	s	Naples	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Biarritz	-	-	-	N Delhi	19	66	s	Jersey	6.2	.08	10	50	sunny
Borde'x	-	-	-	N York*	3	37	r	Guernsey	7.3	-	9	48	sunny
Brussels	6	43	r	Nice	-	-	-	Ilfracombe	7.7	-	9	48	sunny
Budapst	5	41	c	Oslo	3	37	f	Minehead	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
B Aires*	28	82	s	Paris	-	-	-	Morecambe	6.8	.04	6	43	sunny
Cairo	19	66	s	Peking	-	-	-	Douglas	7.1	-	6	43	sunny
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Perth	27	81	f	Aspatria	7.3	.02	5	41	sunny
C'blanca	23	73	s	Prague	4	39	r	B'ham Airpt	5.1	-	7	45	bright
Chicago*	-1	30	c	Reykjvk	-9	16	f	Bristol (Cnt)	6.2	-	9	48	sunny
Chi'church	19	66	f	Rhodes	14	57	s	Buxton	3.7	.05	4	39	snow
Cologne	6	43	f	Rio de J	28	84	c	Leeds	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
C'phagn	3	37	f	Riyadh	18	64	s	London	4.0	-	9	48	bright
Corfu	14	57	s	Rome	11	52	s	Manchester	3.9	.08	6	43	sunny
Dublin	7	45	s	Salzburg	3	37	r	N'cstl-u-Tyne	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Dubrovnik	10	50	s	S F'isco*	10	50	s	Nottingham	2.9	-	5	41	sunny
Faro	18	64	s	Santiago*	29	84	s	Anglesey	8.7	-	8	46	sunny
Florence	8	46	c	S Paulo*	25	79	c	Cardiff (Cst)	9.1	-	8	46	bright
Frankfurt	6	43	c	Seoul	14	57	s	Tenby	7.3	.01	9	48	sunny
Funchal	16	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	f	Aberdeen	3.2	-	3	37	snow
Geneva	7	45	c	St'kholm	1	34	f	Aviemore	6.9	.16	1	34	sunny
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Stresb'rg-	-	-	-	Edinburgh	8.3	-	5	41	sunny
Helsinki	1	34	f	Sydney	28	82	s	Eskdalemuir	8.2	.01	3	37	sunny
Hong K	23	73	c	Tangier	17	63	s	Glasgow	8.1	.08	5	41	sunny
Innsbruck	2	36	sn	Tel Aviv	19	66	s	Kinloss	7.1	.16	3	37	sunny
Istanbul	7	45	c	Tenerife	17	63	d	Lerwick	3.0	.06	1	34	snow
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Tokyo	17	63	f	Stornoway	6.5	.09	3	37	snow
Jo'burg*	16	61	c	Toronto*	1	34	c	Tiree	8.4	.09	6	43	sunny
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	15	59	f	Wick	3.7	.41	1	34	snow
L Palmas	14	57	r	Valencia	18	64	s	Belfast	5.9	-	7	45	sunny
Le Tquet	-	-	-	Vanc'ver*	2	36	c	* Denotes figures not available					
Lisbon	13	55	s	Venice	9	48	f						
Locarno	9	48	s	Vienna	6	43	r						
L Angels*	12	54	s	Warsaw	5	41	f						
Luxmbg	4	39	f	Wash'ton*	10	50	c						
Lisbn	23	73	s	Wel'ton	19	66	s						
Madrid	12	54	s	Zurich	3	37	r						

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.0	-	6	43	sunny
Cromer	7.4	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	-	6	43	sunny
Clacton	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Margate	6.5	.02	7	45	sunny
Brighton	3.9	-	8	46	sunny
Sandown	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemth	4.3	-	9	48	bright
Weymouth	2.6	-	9	48	bright
Torquay	3.9	-	9	48	bright
Penzance	6.1	-	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Jersey	6.2	.08	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	7.3	-	9	48	sunny
Ilfracombe	7.7	-	9	48	sunny
Minehead	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Morecambe	6.8	.04	6	43	sunny
Douglas	7.1	-	6	43	sunny
Aspatria	7.3	.02	5	41	sunny
B'ham Airpt	5.1	-	7	45	bright
Bristol (Cnt)	6.2	-	9	48	sunny
Buxton	3.7	.05	4	39	snow
Leeds	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
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Manchester	3.9	.08	6	43	sunny
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Anglesey	8.7	-	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Cst)	9.1	-	8	46	bright
Tenby	7.3	.01	9	48	sunny
Aberdeen	3.2	-	3	37	snow
Aviemore	6.9	.16	1	34	sunny
Edinburgh	8.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	8.2	.01	3	37	sunny
Glasgow	8.1	.08	5	41	sunny
Kinloss	7.1	.16	3	37	sunny
Lerwick	3.0	.06	1	34	snow
Stornoway	6.5	.09	3	37	snow
Tiree	8.4	.09	6	43	sunny
Wick	3.7	.41	1	34	snow
Belfast	5.9	-	7	45	sunny

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11 39	5 1	—	—
Aberdeen	11 20	3.6	—	—
Belfast	8.49	3 1	9.32	3.0
Cardiff	4.27	9.8	5.05	10.6
Dover	9.01	5.5	9.32	5.7
Glasgow	10.20	4.2	11.31	4.2
Harwich	9 41	5.4	10.06	3.4
Holyhead	6.27	4.8	9.00	4.8
Ilfracombe	3.45	7.4	4.20	7.6
King's Lynn	4.23	5.2	4.40	5.4
Leith	12 13	4.7	12.44	4.8
Liverpool	9.10	7.9	9.41	8.0
Margate	9.59	4.0	10.23	4.1
Milford Haven	4.07	5.6	4.36	5.7
Oban	4.32	3.2	4.47	3.2
Penzance	2.29	4.6	3.08	4.5
Portsmouth	9.15	3.9	10.02	4.0
Shoreham	9.00	5.0	9.41	5.3
Southampton	8.55	3.9	9.37	4.1
Swansea	4.07	7.8	4.42	7.8
Tees	1.31	4.5	1.52	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	9.36	3.6	10.09	3.8

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

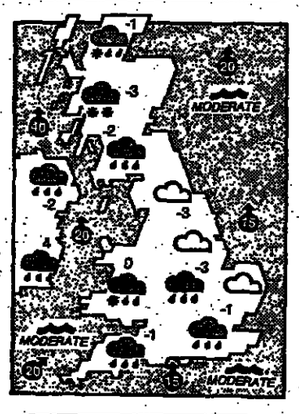
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	22.85	22.50
Belgium Fr	71.40	67.70
Canada $	2.185	2.085
Denmark Kr	13.15	12.50
Finland Mrk	7.83	7.43
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany Dm	3.385	3.205
Greece Dr	282	269
Hong Kong $	14.28	13.54
Ireland Pt	1.275	1.205
Italy Lire	2480	2355
Japan Yen	236.50	222.50
Netherlands Gld	3.825	3.625
Norway Kr	12.51	11.88
Portugal Esc	278	263
South Africa Rd	4.80	4.40
Spain Pta	211	199
Sweden Kr	11.61	10.99
Switzerland Fr	2.873	2.713
Turkey Lira	3600	3000
USA $	1.858	1.758
Yugoslavia Dnr	11299	9200

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

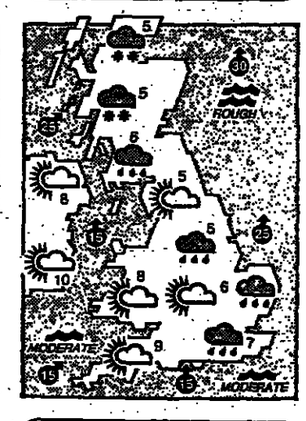
Retail Price Index: 110.3 (December)

London: The *FT* index closed down 10.2 at 1697.2.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.2 millibars; steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.8hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 1.36in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 8.3hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.49 pm to 6.39 am
Bristol 5.59 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 5.51 pm to 7.01 am
Manchester 5.53 pm to 6.52 am
Penzance 6.14 pm to 6.58 am

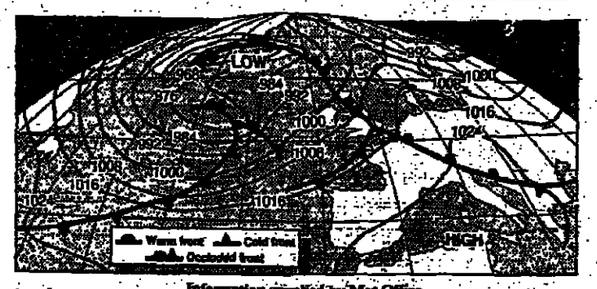
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	5	41	s	Guernsey	8	46	s
B'mingham	6	43	c	Inverness	1	34	f
Blackpool	5	41	s	Jersey	8	46	f
Bristol	8	46	s	London	6	46	f
Cardiff	8	46	s	M'chester	3	37	c
Edinburgh	3	37	s	Newcastle	4	39	s
Glasgow	4	39	s	R'nldsway	6	43	s

Sun rises: 7.11 am — Sun sets: 5.19 pm
Moon sets: 6.10 am — Moon rises: 1.38 pm
Full Moon February 20

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7705 (–0.0015)

W German mark
3.2613 (+0.0044)

Exchange index
98.0 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1667.2 (–10.2)

FT-SE 100
2033.8 (–13.7)

USM (Datastream)
166.01 (+0.40)

BT profits rise 8.4%

British Telecom reported an 8.4 per cent rise in pretax profits of 8.4 per cent for the nine months to December 31 to £1.8 billion, in line with stock market expectations. Earnings per share rose 12.1 per cent to 19.8p. The company reported a sharp jump of 29 per cent in capital expenditure to £2 billion.

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Crest climbs

Crest Nicholson, the building group, reported a 50 per cent rise in profits to £36 million for the year to end-October. Earnings per share climbed 30 per cent to 25.62p and shareholders will receive a final dividend of 4.65p per share making a total payment of 7.15p – 25 per cent up on the previous year.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2308.93 (+5.00)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	32083.58 (–65.90)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3081.14 (–19.79)
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1451.0 (–28.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1663.5 (+1.0)
Brussels:	
General	5789.14 (–10.52)
Paris: CAC	440.4 (–2.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	550.8 (–1.1)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1055.20 (–5.05)
FT–"500"	1158.57 (–5.53)
FT Gold Mines	159.40 (+0.80)
FT Fixed interest	97.80 (–0.05)
FT Govt Secs	88.15 (+0.25)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Davies & Newman	785p (+30p)
Reuters	838p (+23½p)
Christies Intnl	726p (+19p)
Avon Rubber	634½p (+11p)
Jacksons Bourne	140p (+23p)
Attwoods	381½p (+11p)
Bett Bros	145p (+15p)
Caradon	375p (+16p)
Blick	256½p (+10p)
G Oliver	525p (+10p)
Saatchi	410½p (+24p)
Independent	545p (+20p)
Blue Circle	493½p (+9p)
Haden MacLellan	221½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Racal Electronics	327½p (–11½p)
Hanimex	180p (–12p)
Laporte	408½p (–11p)
Arncliffe	214½p (–11p)
Lloyds	371p (–9p)
Rank Org	902p (–9p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	26051
SEAQ Volume	845.7m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13⅛–12⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 12⅝–12½% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 11%
Federal Funds 9⅜%
3-month Treasury Bills 8.47-8.46%
30-year bonds 98⅜–98⅝

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7705	£: $1.7715
$: DM1.8422	$: DM1.8422
$: SwFr1.5842	$: SwFr1.5842
$: FFr6.2635	$: FFr6.2635
$: Yen125.35	$: Yen126.35
$: Index:98.0	$: Index:66.8
ECU £0.639141	SDR £0.747587

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $384.25 pm $384.25
close $382.00-382.50 (£215.00-215.50)
New York:
Comex $382.40-382.90

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $16.50bbl ($16.30)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES
STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch included: P&O (01231) down 5p on profit-taking while Storehouse (01866) lost 7p on restructuring moves. After final figures BP (01210) retracted 4p and British Telecom (01805) lost 4p. Adverse comment drove Jaguar (01127) down 10p, and a downgrading clipped Racal (01245) back 11p. Favourable comment found Saatchi & Saatchi (01832) up 20p.
● Additions include: Europe Mining (03563).
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

We should have done it three years ago, says Julien

Storehouse to write off £48m in shake-out

By Margareta Pagano

Storehouse has announced a massive cost-saving programme which will wipe out several hundred jobs, write off £48 million of costs and introduce stringent new management policies, aimed at fundamentally restructuring Sir Terence Conran's retailing empire.

City analysts immediately slashed pre-tax profit forecasts again, to £60 million for the year to end of March. This compares with forecasts of more than £100 million a few months ago and comes two weeks after Warburgs, Storehouse's own brokers, gave warning that profits could be as low as £70 million. Last year, Storehouse made £113 million pre-tax. Shares fell 9p to 170p.

There was even growing doubt last night whether the group – which spans the Habitat, Heals, Mothercare and BHS stores – would be able to maintain the final dividend. Some institutions were also said to be privately suggesting that the time had come for Sir Terence to resign.

Mr Michael Julien, the chief executive brought in by Sir Terence last summer, admitted the tough measures are only those which should have taken place at the time of the merger with BHS three years ago. This was echoed by Sir Terence who conceded that he felt regret that the merger had not "given a clear mandate to us to take some of the action which goes through with a takeover as a matter of course."

Mr Julien added the measures were not a panic reaction to present trading, which is flat, but aimed at operational efficiency. Sales since the start of the second half of the year are about 3 per cent up on the same period last time, compared with 7 per cent in the first half. BHS, which earns about 45 per cent in the Christmas run-up, was particularly badly hit.

He was not prepared to specify job losses from the 20,000 workforce but voluntary redundancy and natural wastage would be used where possible. Job cuts will, however, run into "several hundreds."

Comment.....25

Storehouse vehemently denied that the action has been precipated by the attentions of Mr Asher Edelman, the American entrepreneaur, who holds 6 per cent. Mr Julien said it was the result of a comprehensive review instituted when he arrived last June. Nor, he added, did it vindicate many of the criticisms put by Mr Edelman.

"These are only measures which should have taken effect three years ago. They are all basic retailing disciplines. This is about a change of management style which will integrate the business into a unified group with strong brand names. The way we ran the group as a loose collection of autonomous retail entities has ended," he said. "I am not going to listen to outsiders telling us how to run our business. Mr Edelman bullies management and increases only his own net worth."

The £48 million exceptional write-off, which will be charged against profits, covers stock markdowns of £12 million, reorganization costs of £9 million and £10 million for redundant computing systems. Another £8 million goes on space fixtures and fittings and £9 million for BHS.

New stock policies have already led to a markdown of £13 million, and all Storehouse companies will now have to write off seasonal stock by 50 per cent at the end of each season.

Storehouse will spend about £36 million over the next three years on overhauling a new computing system. A property revaluation has thrown up a surplus of £100 million, but the company has yet to decide whether to include it in the balance sheet.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



No panic: Michael Julien announces the details yesterday

'I look back over the years and regret some of it personally'



Sir Terence: times of despair

Sir Terence Conran was at home yesterday, going through the proofs of the latest British Habitat catalogue, as Mr Michael Julien, his new lieutenant, finally inflicted the long-overdue pain on Storehouse.

Design guru Sir Terence, still the largest shareholder, admitted it was unfortunate that many of yesterday's actions had not been taken at the time of the BHS merger. "I do regret that we did not have a clear mandate to carry out the sort of actions we might have done if it had been a takeover," he said. "The desire to integrate was always there, but trying to persuade everyone to give up their autonomy was very difficult."

Sir Terence added: "I look back over the three years and regret some of it personally – we may not have gone as fast as we hoped, but we have achieved a great deal in repositioning BHS. Don't forget it took Tesco 10 years to turn itself around."

He conceded that there had been times of despair over the past 20 months, which had been alive with constant, and real, bid speculation. But it was never enough to drive the group to consider a management buyout, despite the pestering by several US banks.

Bid speculation first struck Storehouse – created out of the merger between Habitat-Mothercare and BHS in 1986 – in the summer of 1987, when the Mountleigh property group talked about a possible agreed break-up bid of £1.8 billion: 445p a share.

Mountleigh's interest was said to have been egged on by the widespread belief that Sir Terence had tired of the business. Buyers were said to be lined up to buy bits of the retailing empire which had not achieved the great synergies expected at the time of the merger. In the event, Sir Terence sent Mr Tony Clegg's property group packing, just before the crash.

Then Benlox came and went.

As to the attentions of Storehouse's latest shareholder, New Yorker Mr Asher Edelman, Sir Terence was more strident: "We take every shareholder or potential bidder seriously –even Benlox. Our US attornies have looked closely at Mr Edelman's activities and he doesn't look to me to be a fit and proper person to run a public company."

Sir Terence's often strained relations with the City are legendary, but he is more confident of support now that Mr Julien and his team have demonstrated firm action.

Union anger at BAe plan to cut 2,500 jobs by end of 1990

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British Aerospace's dynamics division, whose products include guided weapons and aerospace defence equipment, is to eliminate 2,500 jobs by the end of 1990 – a 15 per cent reduction – and cut the number of its key factories from six to four.

The news produced immediate and bitter trade union reaction, but the company said it expected there would be no forced redundancies.

It said natural wastage over the next two years, together with early retirement schemes, should deal with the employment rundown.

As military tendering in Britain has become more competitive, and BAe has been looking further abroad for contracts, the need has grown for greater efficiencies to keep prices competitive.

But BAe is likely to run into further controversy over the future of the sites which will be released by the closures, and the profits on property development which may be made.

Due to close by the end of 1990 are an aerospace equipment production centre at Bracknell, in Berkshire, and the division's guided weapons plant at Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Another facility – a small unit in Spa Road, Bolton, Greater Manchester – will also close.

These closures are in addition to the already scheduled shutdown of a plant in Weymouth, Dorset, which manufactures underwater equipment.

The Bracknell site – covering about 20 acres close to the town centre – could be particularly suitable for development. The same could apply to the Hatfield site – if planning permission can be obtained – because it accounts for about a tenth of the extensive site where BAe also builds commercial aircraft.

The planned closures follow a comprehensive business review which started in December. Under an earlier plan, only 600 of the division's 16,000 workforce were to lose their jobs, but the aim now is to reduce the number of workers to 13,500 by the end of 1990.

The Manufacturing Science and Finance Union described the closures and job reductions as "an outrage," and said the decision would evoke anger in the workforce.

But in a statement the dynamics division said: "We currently have a wasteful duplication of facilities and resource which, when consolidated and rationalized, will improve utilization and efficiency and achieve the cost reductions necessary for us to succeed.

"It will also enable the company to focus its future investment towards developing the maximum potential of these core facilities, and thereby achieving world-class standards."

The division said it saw continuing and substantial markets ahead for both guided weapons and aerospace systems and equipment. The division said it saw demand stretching beyond the next decade for products which the company had available, either in production or in various stages of development.

Mr Robert Evans, chairman of the dynamics division, said he did not expect there to be any compulsory redundancies. He said: "We have established an excellent position in the market from which we will be introducing a range of new programmes, including many secured by multi-national agreements."

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He went on: "To take full advantage of this market will require us to improve utilization and efficiency to ensure our competitiveness in the years to come. We are confident this business plan will be successful.

"In carrying it out we do not envisage existing commitments to customers being affected, nor do we expect to cause any individual in the dynamics company to be compulsorily out of work."

The Hatfield facility, which employs 2,200 people, will have its work switched to nearby Stevenage, also in Hertfordshire. Along with it will go about 1,200 of the Hatfield workforce.

Bracknell production, which ranges from aircraft incident recorders to gunfire control systems, will be transferred to Plymouth, Devon, where aerospace equipment is also made

At the moment, there are 1,900 workers at Bracknell, and 750 in Plymouth.

However, the Plymouth workforce will be expanded to about 2,100 as a result of the move.

Record repayment provides Budget tax cut opportunity

By Graham Searjeant and Roland Rudd

The public sector is on course for a surplus of between £13 billion and £14 billion for the financial year, after a record one-month debt repayment of £6.9 billion in January, the peak month for corporation and income tax payments.

This could give Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, £3 billion for tax cuts or higher spending in his Budget without cutting the public sector surplus for 1989-90.

But after the Cabinet's pre-Budget economic strategy meeting, the Government emphasized that policy must continue to be prudent and cautious and that the main objective must be to curb inflation.

A further fall in the official unemployment figure for December below the psychological two million mark underlined the continuing momentum of the economic boom.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said this would not in itself be inflationary. But he said the growth in average earnings, which remain unchanged at an underlying rate of 8.75 per cent, was inflationary.

Buoyant tax revenues from a booming economy built a cumulative public sector debt repayment of £15.5 billion for the first ten months, compared with £6.8 billion at the same time a year ago.

The January surplus was below most City forecasts, which averaged more than £7.5 billion for the month, but has not changed views about the healthy trend of public finances.

In the last two months of the financial year, the public sector is usually in deficit due to a late burst of spending but an early final payment on Kuwait's BP shares should limit the borrowing requirement in February and March.

But inflationary fears will be fuelled by today's announcement of the January retail price index, which is expected to show inflation of up to 7.5 per cent. The City believes that the earnings figures also understate the inflationary pressure from wages.

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BP raises taxation question

By Colin Campbell

British Petroleum yesterday called on the Government to address the question of advance corporation tax, lest British companies who were earlier encouraged to "expand and go abroad" are not to be frustrated.

BP lost £100 million in 1988 on the tax liability on dividends, and Sir Peter Walters, BP chairman, said that £458 million would be written off reserves this year.

Replacement-cost profits for 1988 rose 10 per cent to £1.44 billion, but the historical figure fell 13 per cent to £1.21 billion. BP's dividend is rising 8 per cent to 13.5p but the shares slipped 2½p to 272½p.

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Private firms and consumers may fund fast-breeder research

Nuclear industry faces quest for £800m

From David Young, Bonn

Britain's nuclear industry has committed itself to retaining a dominant role in joint European research into the next generation of nuclear power technology, despite a drastic cut in government funding.

The Government is cutting funding of research into the fast-breeder reactor project from £60 million at present to £10 million by 1991. However, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has committed itself to the next stage of joint research, which could leave it searching for funding from the privatized electricity industry in the next decade of up to £800 million.

The Central Electricity Generating Board has abandoned funding research into the programme because it does not feel it could pass on such an expense to its shareholders when it moves into the private sector, and any new call for the electricity consumer to contribute to nuclear power research is likely to be highly controversial. The joint programme, for which the latest agreement was formally signed in Bonn yesterday, involves Britain, West Germany, France and Italy, but Britain is taking a one-third share of the research and development and initial design of the planned European fast-breeder reactor, which is described as the "scientists' dream."

FBR uses uranium more efficiently than present nuclear power designs, is regarded as easier to control than existing stations and the nuclear process involved breeds its own uranium.

Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEGB and chairman designate of National Power, has been consistently enthusiastic about the programme and his enforced withdrawal from the research programme has dismayed the European nuclear community.

The agreement to co-ordinate research and development was signed by Mr John Collier, chairman of the UK AEA. Agreements were also signed by the European fast reactor design companies, including Britain's National Nuclear Corporation which is wholly owned by GEC.

Mr Collier will start a campaign to bring electricity distribution companies, which now have the legal obligation to supply power, into the research budget.

He said: "We recognize that the only feasible way for the UK to maintain a direct role in developing fast reactor technology is via European collaboration.

"The UK Government in reviewing its position have taken the view that their funding of the UK programme should be reduced. But they have at the same time reaffirmed their belief in the long-term need for fast reactors and renewed their encouragement to UK organizations to participate in collaboration.

"I can assure our partners in Europe that all of the UK organizations involved in the programme are determined to continue working within the collaboration and to make the maximum contribution we can. We will continue to have much to contribute."

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BP sets sights on reduced gearing

The Kuwaitis, the stock market and others were out hunting for the other 0.5p to British Petroleum's final dividend yesterday, having believed they were going to receive a 9p-a-share final – rather than the 8.5p declared – to make a year's 14p instead of 13.5p.

Sir Peter Walters hinted the year ahead could be one of consolidation rather than great excitement, especially as gearing reduction has a high priority, so the day's outcome was to see shares down 2½p at 262½p.

The year-end results showed net profits (on a replacement cost basis) of £304 million (£394 million), for the three months ended December, to make a 1988 outcome of £1.44 billion (£1.31 billion) – *in line with expectations.*

The background to BP's 1988 profit increase was mixed. Crude oil prices were considerably lower, with the average for North Sea down $3.50 at $14.90 a barrel and down 25 per cent in sterling terms at £8.40. There was a £100 million write-off on the advance corporation tax position (and £458 million is likely to be written off reserves this year).

Positive influences were good margins in refining and marketing, more-than-doubled profits from chemicals at £514 million, and a 141 per cent advance from minerals at £304 million. BP Minerals has been earmarked for sale to RTZ for $4.32 billion.

Gearing, which was 33 per cent, rose to 37 per cent by end-1988, and will reach 50 per cent as the KJO share purchase is completed. The target is a reduction to the mid-30 per cent level by 1990.

The profits outlook suggests nothing more exciting than about £1.4 billion this year. Helped by a reduced share capital base because of the KJO knock-out, net earnings per share will rise, possibly to the 26p mark, from which a 14.5p total dividend can be expected, while profits stay flat.

BP retains its attractions for the long-term because of a prospective dividend yield of 7 per cent, the modest 3.5 times price to cash flow rating, and the 10.5 times price/earnings ratio.

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Consolidation ahead: Sir Peter at yesterday's announcement

British Telecom

"Stunningly unexciting" was one appropriate description for British Telecom's third-quarter figures which hit the middle of stock market expectations and sent the shares dribbling down 4p to 278p.

The pre-tax profit rise of 8.3 per cent was slightly lower than the market is used to from Mr Iain Vallance's telecommunications giant, and reflects, in part, the growing incursions of Mercury. BT's telex revenues, for example, suffered from competition with Mercury.

The only surprise in the figures was the big increase in capital expenditure – up 29 per cent to £2 billion in the first nine months of the year. BT appears to have upped its target for introducing digital telephone lines from 3 million to 4 million a year, and is busy spending heavily in other areas, too. It now accounts for a staggering 7 per cent of all private capital expenditure in Britain.

There is little reason to get excited about the shares, on a p/e to March 1989 of 10.5 times, over the short term. That should change when the benefit of the current heavy investment starts to come through in 1990.

Crest Nicholson

The most savage hike in mortgage interest rates since the mid 1970s is already sorting the men from the cowboys in the housebuilding industry. On the basis of yesterday's figures – a 50 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £36 million – Crest Nicholson is likely to thrive rather than merely survive.

Early last year the group reckoned that house prices were running so far ahead of income growth that a cautious strategy was wise. Crest sacrificed a little cream at the peak of the market by selling houses forward as far a possible and reaped the benefit of a steady throughput when the market turned sour last August.

It maintained that stance and still has a comforting cushion of reservations in hand. In the past six months the group logged £70 million of sales or reservations, a 14 per cent rise on the same period last year. That augurs well for the current year, with perhaps 1,550 completions in prospect against 1,420 last time.

The stock market has traditionally had a high regard for Crest's skills as a land buyer and last year, the group did not disappoint. It purchased almost no land via auctions or tenders, using instead sites previously under option or bought through conditional sales agreements. So it avoided the trap of relying on continued rises in house prices to maintain margins this year. This also meant that Crest was able to de-gear its balance sheet and keep its powder dry to take advantage of easier land buying conditions this year.

Crest ended the year with gearing of only 8 per cent due partly to the benfits of its previous rights issue but also to its canny land buying strategy. The group is now back in the market for sites and is happy with the prices it is paying.

It has also positioned itself to produce more for the first time market, which holds up better in times of punitive mortgage rates. With 90 sites to sell from, Crest looks better placed than most to keep housing profits marching forward this year.

The much smaller commercial and industrial development operations, where profits rose from £3.1 million to £7.7 million, has projects worth £260 million in hand. Crest has played safe here too by pre-financing and selling forward a reasonable portion of the work.

The construction side, with an order book of £90 million, performed well and only the sport and leisure activities, with modest but not unexpected losses arising in the US, struck a dull note.

Further out, Crest has a number of large scale housing sites including 600 acres north of Swindon, in Wiltshire, that should keep profits growing from the end of next year.

Crest's high calibre management is well worth backing for the long term and its shares are worth tucking away though the sector is out of favour. At 207p, they sell for around 7 times prospective earnings per share. Excellent value.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Owners Abroad takes off to record £9.6m

Owners Abroad, Britain's fourth largest tour operator and airline seat broker, announced record pre-tax profits of £9.6 million, up from £3.4 million, for the year to end-October 1988. Operating profits before £1.3 million of exceptional items were £12.1 million. Earnings per share were 7.70p (1.75p) and turnover jumped more than 60 per cent to £247.7 million (£154.5 million). The final dividend was 2.35p, compared with the previous year's 2.1p.

Mr Howard Klein, the chairman, said the group is trading well, and above last year's levels. Winter bookings in the tour operating division are currently 50 per cent ahead, while summer bookings are 10 per cent up on 1988. Owners Abroad Aviation has virtually sold its 1989 programme, and Air 2,000 will be increasing its fleet this year by three to seven aircraft. Air 2,000's enlarged programme for the year is already sold.

Palabora sees 95% advance

Palabora Mining, one of the world's more successful copper producers, in which RTZ holds a 39 per cent stake, reports a 95 per cent advance in net profits for the year to end-December. The South African company made R174.6 million (£39.95 million) after R89.4 million in 1987. The final dividend of R2.50 makes a year's payment of R5.65 (R2.95).

First purchase for Harding

Harding, the building products group, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market last year, is making its first acquisition. The group is paying £2.6 million for Advance Electrical Distributors. The consideration is being satisfied by £1.59 million in cash, with the rest in shares on condition profits for the year to end-March reach £575,000.

Quaestus takes stake

Quaestus SA, a private concern, has taken a near-14 per cent stake in Platon International, the USM-listed instrumentation and electronic group, which recently announced a series of boardroom changes. The upheaval was forecast when the company announced plans to raise more than £1 million in an open offer to shareholders in January.

At the same time, Safeguard, the consortium which underwrote the rights issue, has reduced its stake in the company from 28.64 to 15.62 per cent. Platon reported a pre-tax deficit of £954,884 for the year to April 1, 1988, after a profit of £891,672. Platon shares closed unchanged at 50p.

Bassett boost by Goldman

Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, has increased its stake in Bassett Foods, the Liquorice Allsorts, jelly babies and Jamesons chocolates group, to 4.13 per cent. Bassett is the subject of an agreed £91 million paper bid from Cadbury Schweppes, following a £63 million bid by Procordia, the Swedish conglomerate, in January.

Highland 9% in Macallan

Highland Distillers, the Scotch whisky group, yesterday raised its holding in Macallan-Glenlivet, its rival, from less than 7 per cent to 9.6 per cent, sending Macallan shares up 20p to £14.75p. It is understood that Highland was offered the block of shares on the market and regards its holding as a long-term trade investment.

Photo-Me ahead 31%

Photo-Me International, the manufacturer and operator of photographic booths, reported interim pre-tax profits nearly 31 per cent higher at £8.7 million, compared with £6.68 million. Turnover rose to £50.3 million (£39.5 million). Tax took £3.2 million (£4.1 million) to leave earnings per share at 16.39p (11.44p). The interim dividend was doubled to 1.2p net. Shares rose 5p to 430p.

The company said the identification division continues to perform well and both its bureau activity and electronic imaging systems businesses are exceeding earlier expectations.

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Aus$ Eurobonds hit by 'disastrous' January trade gap

The Australian dollar sector of the Eurobond market was sent reeling yesterday by news of a much higher than expected January current account deficit of Aus$1.54 billion (£756 million), dealers said. The market had expected a deficit of some Aus$800 million.

"People are getting buried here," one trader said. "The figure is an unmitigated disaster for anyone holding Australian dollar bonds."

But amid the gloom, some economists were prepared to voice optimism over the medium- to long-term prospects for the market.

Prices of seasoned issues in the Eurobond market dropped between one and two percentage points in the morning in modest volume, traders said.

"Prices are largely being quoted as indications; you've got to do a bit of haggling before you can trade," a dealer said. He added: "We've got the worst of both worlds here, a falling currency and rising interest rates."

He said many Eurobond houses in Australia were long on Australian dollar bonds, as retail investors in continental Europe had been selling heavily to take currency profits created by the Australian dollar's recent strength.

Economists and analysts contended that any weakness in the Australian dollar could benefit the Australian economy in the medium to long term and, consequently, the bond market.

Mr Robin Baldwin, director of international bond research at UBS-Phillips & Drew, commented: "Bond yields are currently very high, and they could go higher. But the good thing about this is that the currency has cracked at last."

The Australian dollar plunged three US cents after the data, to close at US$0.8491 in Sydney. Its recent high was at around US$0.8885. It also lost against sterling, closing at Aus$2.0964 to the pound, compared with its Wednesday night close of Aus$2.0366.

Earlier, Mr Paul Keating, the Australian treasurer, had said he hoped eventual moderating of economic conditions would lead to a fall in the value of the Australian dollar.

The dealer commented: "The administration has lost a lot of credibilty over this."

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Drinks producers 'face resistance'

By Our City Staff

The underlying trend in the international spirits market during the 1980s has been towards a flat rate of growth coupled with increasing consumer resistance to alcohol in general, and some spirits in particular.

Those are the findings of Euromonitor, the research analyst, in a new report. But it also finds a movement towards "internationally" branded drinks, dominated by British and US producers, at the expense of local distillers.

While dark spirits have been stagnant in growth terms, lighter white spirits have been making headway, along with newly launched light spirits designed to be drunk with mixers. Nevertheless, major brand producers have rationalized production and recovered profitability, despite the threat from non-alcoholic drinks and the growth of low-alcohol drinks.

The only growth market in terms of real value among the markets covered in the report – the United Kingdom, France, Italy, the US and West Germany – has been the UK.

It is behind West Germany and France in volume terms, consuming 244 million litres of spirits in 1987, compared with 397 million litres in West Germany. There have been large falls in the US and Italy.

With the exception of France, where consumer concern about health has not reached the level in the other countries, market projections indicate a decline in the international market for spirits by as much as $500 million in the US and £204 million in the UK by 1992.

● *Spirits: The International Market*: £975 from Euromonitor, 87-88 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5QU.

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BAe benefits as Lufthansa signs $3bn Airbus order

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Lufthansa, the West German airline, has signed an order worth $3 billion (£1.7 billion) for 15 Airbus A340 airliners, together with options on a further 15.

This big rise in orders for an aircraft which is due to make its first flight by May 1991 brings immediate benefits to British Aerospace (BAe) whose commercial aircraft division started cutting metal on A340 wings at the beginning of the year.

The A340 is an entirely new four-engined widebody aircraft designed to carry about 250 passengers over ranges of up to 7,000 miles. It competes in range with the Boeing 747 jumbo while undercutting it in size and passenger capacity, attacking a slice of the market whose needs the 747 cannot properly meet.

The A340's main competitor is the McDonnell Douglas MD11, but Lufthansa decided against that aircraft despite its previous connection with the American manufacturer. The A340 will replace the Lufthansa fleet of DC10-30s from McDonnell Douglas.

BAe, headed by Professor Roland Smith, is part of the Airbus Industrie consortium with a 20 per cent stake that reflects its share of the workload in producing Airbus aircraft. It largely makes the wings for the increasing number of airliner designs in the Airbus family.



Roland Smith: order will help protect existing jobs

The main BAe factories involved are at Chester and Bristol with about 7,000 employees involved in Airbus fabrication and assembly. No new jobs are so far envisaged as a result of the order but it does help protect the existing workforce, BAe said. The move came as another BAe division covering dynamics and guided weapons was announcing a rationalization of facilities with big projected job losses.

The other members of the Airbus consortium are France's Aerospatiale and West Germany's Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm, each with 38 per cent, and CASA of Spain with 4 per cent.

Lufthansa is due to start receiving its A340s in September 1992, with all the first 15 due for delivery by March 1994. They will be used to offer more flights on non-stop long range routes to the Far East, South America and the United States.

Two versions are being taken by Lufthansa, one accommodating 256 passengers and the other 222. Both will be powered by CFM jet engines from the US-French consortium of General Electric and SNECMA.

The A340 was launched in mid-1987 with the A330, a twin-engined high capacity widebody aircraft suitable for medium to long range routes.

So far Airbus Industrie has commitments for 167 A340s and A330s from 13 customers. These include firm orders for 31 aircraft, with 17 options, from three customers.

North Western, the American airline, has ordered 20 A340s and 10 A330s with an option on 10 more.

Among the airlines with orders or options on the A340 and A330 are Air France, Iberia of Spain, ILFC, the US leasing operation, Air Portugal, Belgium's Sabena and Thai International.

The A340 and A330 have fuselages which develop existing Airbus design but BAe has been involved in producing a largely new wing construction for the aircraft.

Workers seek to buy out valve firm

By George Sivell

A thousand Yorkshire engineering workers, led by their former finance director, are trying to save their jobs by raising about £10 million to buy the company that employs them.

Advisers to the worker buyout attempt at Hopkinsons Ltd, the Huddersfield valve factory, are confident of raising the money and said that they will be asking for "exclusive negotiating rights" on Monday.

They had a preliminary meeting with Mr Peter Frost, the chairman of Hopkinsons Holdings, yesterday, at which they were told the factory was going up for sale next week.

Closure of the valve factory was announced last Friday when 90-day redundancy notices were sent out to the workforce.

The worker buyout attempt is led by Mr Philip Thomas, who until September was the finance director of Hopkinsons Holdings, and was formerly chief executive of the plant.

Mr Barry Sheerman, MP for Huddersfield and Labour's industry spokesman, has joined the fight and Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council has promised its backing.

Mr Thomas said: "This is a great opportunity for myself and the employees to save what is a good and viable company in the right hands. I cannot understand why the decision was taken to close it down."

Mr Thomas said that a team of buyout specialists from Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, had been retained to work on plans for a purchase.

It is understood that the assets of the Huddersfield company are worth about £12 million.

"The management has said that Hopkinsons Ltd is losing money at the rate of £2 million a year so they can hardly expect to sell it as a going concern. It would cost the parent company perhaps £3 million in redundancy payments if they closed it, so we have a pretty good idea of the sort of figures we can discuss with them," Mr Thomas said.

Hopkinsons makes highly specialized products, some of which are used in nuclear power installations and has a world-wide reputation.

Hopkinsons was the subject of takeover speculation last year when NEI, the power engineer, took a 6.4 per cent shareholding.

Yesterday the shares were up 1p at 93p against an 82p low for the past year.

COMMENT

Conran's ailing empire reaches breaking point

Sir Terence Conran's time ran out yesterday. He asked for 36 months to weld Habitat Mothercare and the ailing British Homes Stores into a sharply focused high street success. Some months short of the third anniversary of the merger, it is clear that Conran's grand design has turned to dust.

The failure has cost shareholders dear. In June 1986, just a few months after the marriage was consummated, the combined group checked in with profits of £116 million. It was judged to be not a bad start to a promising partnership. After yesterday's grim news of savage rationalization analysts were carving away at their forecasts. It would now be surprising if Storehouse made much more than £70 million in the 12 months to next April.

Conran's reputation as a master of style and arbiter of fashion has suffered irreparably. And the questions which have been raised over his managerial ability are now seen to be amply justified. Style is one thing, substance quite another. It would be surprising if he felt able to continue at the helm of his crippled creation for much longer, or if the institutional investors who have anxiously tracked the steady drip of dismal news from Storehouse allowed him to.

It is now clear, stripped of the hype over new logo designs and store refurbishments, that BHS has become another Woolworth – a high street giant whose limbs are, hopefully temporarily, out of control. BHS kept the City in suspense with a stream of bullish noises about the benefits of a reorganization based on its onetime flagship store in Harlow. The hard truth of the matter was apparent some months ago. Though the refurbishment programme is over, it is difficult to see any lasting long term benefits in terms of higher sales densities.

The past three years have seen precious few happy developments at Mothercare either, which once had a commanding position in its own market. Mothercare has failed to keep ahead of the competitors which have been chipping away at its chosen field and last year had also to cope with the negative impact of a disastrous distribution system.

Mr Michael Julien has a Herculean task ahead to restore morale and momentum. But will he be given the time? The predators have been gathering for some time, both semi-serious like Mountleigh and possibly more substantial like Mr Edelman.

The hard fact to be faced by Mr Julien and his shareholders, is that there is no logic behind this disparate grouping of shopkeepers and no strategy that can make it otherwise. The group is worth more to long suffering shareholders if it is broken asunder. This is clearly the starting point for any consideration of the future.

Nigel's statistical nightmare

Pity the Chancellor. If he adopts the professional approach to his Budget, he should surely not judge the economy by what his pals say over the sherry. He would be tuning in to the latest economic signals to see how fast his measures to curb the spending boom are working and whether inflation is gathering momentum. But if he does, he will receive some extraordinarily confusing answers.

From the latest official figures, it would be easy to construct a picture of an economy careering from boom to slump. Retail sales have been curbed, there has been a sharp and sudden drop in output, vacancies are falling away and capital spending continuing to sag. Even the boom in tax revenues at the peak of the paying season was less than the City, if not the Treasury, expected.

This is so far away from what the pals are saying that all concerned dismiss these statistics as unreliable first stabs at reality – except for the retail sales, which fit in both with the official line and with anecdotal evidence of retailers.

The anecdotal evidence is probably correct, but there must always be a doubt. The last slump hit suddenly and unexpectedly under the statistical cover of the steel strike.

The matter is not unimportant. Last year's economic problems stemmed from the Budget and monetary policy ignoring the booming economy and attempting, instead, to fend off a potential slump in the wake of the stock market crash. This turned out to be the wrong problem, with dire results, chiefly because the authorities' prompt response to the crash was so successful.

This year's Budget will certainly have to address inflationary pressures. The unemployment and earnings statistics are totally suspect. Mr Lawson himself dismisses the retail price index as misleading.

Monetary policy is already tight. The Chancellor cannot afford to rely on even an even tougher monetary regime to take the steam out of inflation if he gets his Budget strategy wrong. Yet higher interest rates would certainly introduce new distortions in the economy, not least through the exchange rate.

There will, therefore, be heavy pressure on him to take an extremely cautious fiscal line, with the intendant risk that the economy really could crash into a hard landing. The trick will be to release up several billions from his swelling coffers in ways that tend to curb nominal inflation and have no effect on the trade balance. He might need some creative financial engineering on esoteric items such as water prices or the details of the poverty trap to pull it off.

Marginal rise for SCMB

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank's profit rose to £18.2 million in 1988, a marginal improvement. Return on capital increased from 22 per cent to 25 per cent last year. SCMB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Group.

Trust advance

River and Mercantile Trust reported net revenue before tax 14.4 per cent ahead at £7.2 million. Income shares rose 4p to 109p but capital shares dipped 2p to 70p. Net assets per capital share rose 4.7 per cent to 150.98p.

Offers denied

Mr Ian Hutcheson, chairman of Acatos & Hutcheson, the edible oil group, told yesterday's annual meeting that the board had not received takeover offers

WCRS buys

WCRS, the advertising group, is taking over Grand Slam Sports, the television programme maker, for £4 million.

No reason to block AMP link, says QC

By Our City Staff

The board of London Life, Britain's oldest mutual insurer, is still convinced its plans to merge with Australian Mutual Provident are in the best interests of its policyholders, a High Court judge in London was told yesterday.

Mr Philip Heslop, QC, for London Life, told Mr Justice Hoffmann that none of the objections or proposed amendents put before the court showed a good reason for the court to refuse to sanction the merger.

Thirteen London Life policyholders have asked for their views on the merger to be put before the court and five have made detailed submissions in person.

Replying to them, Mr Heslop said a 90 per cent vote at the London Life general meeting in January had been in favour of the resolution which was seen as a "referendum" on the merger. The decision whether to seek a merger, and with whom, was a management decision for the London Life board and the court should not review it unless there was evidence of bad faith or unreasonableness. There was "absolutely no evidence" of either.

Mr Heslop said the suggestion that London Life policyholders who wished to do so should be allowed to transfer to the Equitable was commercially "impracticable" and would be unfair to London Life policyholders as a whole.

For AMP, Mr Richard Sykes, QC, said: "AMP would not be interested in a London Life weakened by wholesale desertions."

Mr John Mummery, for the Trade Secretary, said he did not wish to make any representations against the proposed scheme.

The judge will give his decision on Tuesday.

Evode wins Phipps' agreement

By Our City Staff

Chamberlain Phipps, the glue and shoe group, caved in to Evode, the adhesive group, yesterday with directors agreeing to recommend a £74 million offer to shareholders.

Only 18 months ago Chamberlain survived a bid from Wardle Storeys, the plastics group, and another fight was expected after Evode was forced to reveal its bid last week by a galloping Chamberlain share price.

To win agreement, however, Evode has had to raise its offer from a one-for-one share, valuing Chamberlain at around £72 million, to a mixture of convertibles and ordinary shares valuing Chamberlain at 198.5p a share, or £74 million.

Chamberlain shares fell 7p to 189p in response, while Evode dipped 5p to 186p.

All four executive directors of Chamberlain will join the board of Evode.

Charterhall seeks £18.7m to cover buy

By Geoffrey Foster

Shareholders in Charterhall are being asked for £18.7 million cash to help pay off bank debts established during December's £27.2 million acquisition of Corah, one of Marks and Spencer's biggest suppliers of underwear.

The news accompanied half-year profits of £5.78 million, compared with £3.98 million the year before, on turnover up from £4.95 million to £39.19 million.

Earnings per share at Charterhall, the former oil exploration company now Britain's third largest footwear retailer and tenth largest clothing manufacturer, and used as an investment vehicle by Mr Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, are up from 1.5p to 1.65p, but there is no interim dividend.

Holders are offered one new share for every four held at 20p, about 3p discount to the current price of 22.75p.

The rights issue is not underwritten, but Westmex, Mr Goward's master company, which controls Charterhall through its 53.2 per cent stake, will put up the £9.97 million its shareholding demands.

Meanwhile, the group intends to build its future on expansion by the acquisition of a series of businesses in friendless industries promising rationalization and "add-on" benefits.

Mr Goward has pinpointed footwear retailing, security, commercial printing and office stationery in this category.

Charterhall is currently keeping the market guessing as to whether it will launch a full-scale bid for A Goldberg & Sons, the Glasgow department store, after recently increasing its stake in the company to 29.9 per cent, the maximum allowed under Takeover Code rules before a full offer has to be made.

Charterhall also has a 25.8 per cent stake in Bridport Gundry, one of the world's biggest netting makers, and a 15 per cent stake in Hornby Group, the toy manufacturer.

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Cowdrey's finest catch

It looks like being an expensive year for friends and relatives of the Cowdrey family. Chris Cowdrey, the Kent and former England cricket captain, married his Swedish sweetheart Christel Holst-Sande on New Year's Day, and now his younger brother Jeremy looks set to follow suit. For Jeremy, aged 28, a UK equity salesman at James Capel, the broker, has finally proposed to Pippa Telford, a fund manager in the City, whom he met five years ago when they both worked for Phillips & Drew. No date or venue has yet been set for the marriage, but Jeremy tells me that it will probably be in the summer. However, it will have to fit in with Kent's cricket fixtures. For Graham, Jeremy's other brother, also plays for Kent and Jeremy, son of legendary Kent and England captain Colin, is an avid fan – although he admits that he has to pay to play the game himself. Pippa's father Sir Robert Telford, aged 73, will be remembered by some older City hands as a director of GEC and, more particularly, as managing director and then chairman – until his retirement in 1984 – of Marconi, one of GEC's biggest subsidiaries. He is still life president of Marconi.

Light relief

It was, I am sure, the last thing ICI had in mind when it installed security lights and assorted other floodlights at its plants in Redcar, Wilton and Billingham, all on Teesside. For the Teesside Development Corporation, in conjunction with Cleveland County Council and the English Tourist Board, is planning to spend £400,000 to promote tourism in the area. And one of its first projects will apparently be to promote "the lights of ICI," which, according to one local, look like something from a science fiction film. "People outside Teesside are ignorant of its attractions," says Ron Norman, chairman of the Teesside Development Corp.

Hounded out of work

Some executives rely on an alarm clock, others on a telephone call from their spouse to let them know when the business day has come to an end. Lord King, however, has his dog. The Honourable Joe, a six-year-old Border terrier, is an established regular at British Airways' offices in St James's Square, and has acquired the habit of letting his master know not only when he wishes to visit the office, but also when he wants to be taken home. "Joe sits at the front door of the house in the morning if he wants to come to the office," Lord King tells me, "and is well behaved during office hours. When evening falls and he decides he has had enough, he jumps into the out-tray on my desk."

Odds bod

Tour operators who have been privately predicting a downturn in demand this year will hardly be cheered by a letter in this week's *Flight International*, revealing that the director of control of the CAA's National Air Traffic Control Services, is Mr MA Gamester. "Gamester," according to the OED, was the Tudor term for gambler. But the dictionary adds that it also meant "a merry or frolicsome person" – good news for those passengers who do brave the uncertainties of travel this summer.



"It's a new accessory – a self-tightening belt . . ."

Forte years on

Rocco Forte, heir to the throne at THF, might be amused to learn that he had Giles Shepard, managing director of the Savoy Hotel, as one of his keenest listeners when he was the guest on *Desert Island Discs* last week. Clearly a little nervous at finding himself in a BBC recording studio, Forte answered a question about his family's desire to buy the Savoy by saying: "We made a takeover bid in 1971 and acquired 70 per cent of the shares." That takeover attempt was in fact made in 1981. "It might feel like 18 years ago, but it was actually only eight," says Shepard. Meanwhile, the Savoy has this week hoisted a new flag outside its hotel in the Strand. Designed by Humphrey Spender to celebrate the hotel's centenary this year, it is divided into four quarters, in red, white and royal blue, bordered by gothic triangles, and depicts Count Peter of Savoy, the hotel group's emblem, brandishing his shield.

● Sir Peter Walters, chairman of BP, must now believe that there is a jinx on him. At BP's egm earlier this month, called to approve the buyback of part of the KIO holding, his microphone failed. Then, at yesterday's press briefing for the annual results the lights went. "BP is now [lights failure] in the dark, and unenlightened. . . ." he quipped. "Thank heavens I was not reading my remarks from notes," he said after the lights had flickered back on.

Carol Leonard

New high at Norsk surprises market

By Our City Staff

Norsk Hydro, the North Sea oil, petrochemicals and metals group, surprised analysts yesterday with record profits.

Norway's largest conglomerate reported 1988 profit after tax of Kr3.43 billion (£290 million), compared with Kr2.1 billion in 1987 and 1984's Kr2.4 billion record.

Most analysts had predicted record profits of just above Kr3 billion, or about Kr15.50 per share. That figure turned out to be Kr17.10.

Mr Truls Evensen, an analyst with Orkla Finans, the broker, said the 1988 result was better than expected. Hydro shares rose 44p to £12 in London.

Norsk reported that strong performances from metals and petrochemicals boosted the 1988 profit performance, which was also helped by some previous group restructuring.

The figures also revealed the Kr 1 billion cost of one-off items, including the fire at Rafnes and the closure of the magnesium plant.

The dividend will be Kr3.75 per share in 1988, compared with Kr3 in 1987.

Brokers are now forecasting a dividend increase for 1989 to between Kr4 and Kr4.5.

Laing stake

Mr Elliott Bernerd's private Chelsfield group yesterday raised its stake again in the £300 million Laing Properties. Chelsfield has bought another 325,000 shares, taking its stake to 4.2 million or 7.21 per cent. Laing shares dipped 6p to 500p.

Decision follows differences with finance minister

Brierley resigns chair at Bank of New Zealand

From Richard Long
New Zealand

Sir Ron Brierley resigned yesterday as chairman of the largely state-owned Bank of New Zealand, citing differences with New Zealand's new finance minister, Mr David Caygill, over the direction in which the bank should be heading.

Sir Ron, announcing his decision, said he took a more positive view of the bank's immediate future, while Mr Caygill was more pessimistic.

The announcement followed what was reported to be a stormy two-day meeting of the bank's board and government concern that action should be seen to be taken as a result of the bank's debt exposure.

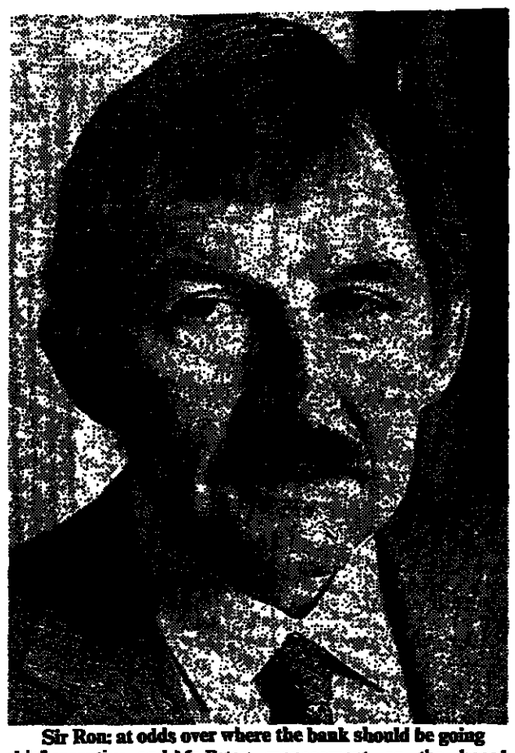
The bank was last month forced into the embarrassing position of adding NZ$200 million (£70 million) to its bad debt provisions, taking the total bad debt losses since the share market crash to NZ$600 million.

Last month's addition followed the Equiticorp collapse, although the bank refused to quantify publicly the extent of its losses connected with Equiticorp.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, hastened to assure the public that the country's largest trading bank was in no danger in spite of the losses.

Mr Lange had earlier stated that he expected a staff shake-up at top levels.

Business writers have predicted that Mr Bob McCay, chief executive, and Mr Peter Travers, former head of corporate lending, will take early retirement.



Sir Ron: at odds over where the bank should be going

While Sir Ron declined to comment on this, Mr Rob Campbell, the deputy chairman who takes over as acting chairman, said there would be further restructuring of senior management as the board took a more "hands on" approach.

Mr Caygill said he accepted Sir Ron's resignation with regret, but added that it would remove any conflict of interest if Sir Ron should wish to bid for the bank again.

The bank, 87 per cent state owned, is one of the assets for sale in the government's privatization programme, and Brierley executives were astonished in December when the government rejected their bid, saying offers were not good enough.

In the period leading up to this bid Sir Ron stood aside from the bank chairmanship but was later invited back by Mr Lange and Mr Caygill.

Sir Ron is seen as a strong supporter of Mr Roger Douglas, the former finance minister and architect of the New Zealand economic reforms, who was dismissed from the cabinet by Mr Lange last December after a bitter year-long feud.

Business leaders fear that Mr Lange and Mr Caygill will not continue the reforms with the same zeal.

Sir Ron said his experience as chairman had been with the former finance minister, Mr Douglas, and he had differences of perception with Mr Caygill about where the bank should be going.

Sir Ron said the bank had been through a bad patch, but that was what the whole New Zealand corporate sector was going through.

He also considered it would be better for the bank for him to stand aside now, rather than later, if the government proceeded with the sale and he again became a bidder.

Sir Ron said he thought the bank should be privatized. It would be better for the government to use the money elsewhere, he said.

Holland's insider traders face jail

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Investors convicted of using inside information when they trade on Dutch financial markets risk up to two years' imprisonment and stiff fines, according to a law which took effect yesterday.

A spokesman for the justice ministry said the insider trading law makes any use of advance knowledge in Dutch markets a serious criminal offence, whether investors had made a profit or not.

Apart from imprisonment, individual investors found guilty will also face fines of up to 200,000 guilders (£54,000), and judges may order the confiscation of all profits made on illegal deals. For companies, fines could be as high as Fl 1 million, the spokesman added.

The new law covers deals on all three official exchanges in the Netherlands – the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, the European Options Exchange and the financial futures market. It also outlaws insider trading abroad by Dutch residents.

The law puts the Netherlands on a par with Britain, the United States, France and Belgium, where insider trading is a criminal offence, the spokesman added.

Previously, only professional securities traders and listed companies were barred from trading on inside information under an Amsterdam Bourse Code of Conduct.

But penalties handed down under the code rarely went beyond a reprimand, and the code did not apply to private investors.

CH Industrials to raise £15m via preference shares

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

CH Industrials, the industrial group, is taking the unusual step of raising £15 million via a placing of cumulative redeemable preference shares, more than doubling its nominal share capital.

The new shares have been priced to yield 12.7 per cent, 2.75 per cent more than a representative long-term gilt-edged stock.

Mr Tim Hearley, the chairman, who has rebuilt the former Coventry Hood business, said the main object was to reduce the group's loan gearing after nearly £15 million in cash acquisitions over the past year. Consequently, borrowings had grown to about £40 million, compared with shareholders' funds of about £50 million.

The preference share issue will raise total shareholders' funds to around £65 million at the end of the financial year, in March, compared with borrowings of about £25 million.

Mr Hearley said CH shares had been depressed by fears of a rights issue, and that this would have been a bad time to make one. He said the preference share issue would be a cheaper form of capital for shareholders, and that the terms were equivalent to loan interest of about 14.5 per cent.

He said CH had no plans for big takeovers, but intended to make further small acquisitions to fill gaps in its existing businesses, which include vehicle-building and accessories, paints, carpet-fitting components and shopfitting. CH shares shed 1p to 145p.

Records broken as steel output forges ahead

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Steel production in the United Kingdom, by independent specialist producers as well as British Steel, continued to surge ahead in January when on average 380,800 tonnes a week were coming out of the mills.

This was 2.3 per cent higher than the previous January.

Seasonally adjusted the January weekly average of 404,700 tonnes was the highest figure for 12 months.

There was a high level of activity in all the principal steelmaking areas, according to the latest returns from British Steel and the British Independent Steel Producers' Association.

Records were broken at several individual plants, all of them belonging to British Steel at Teesside, Scunthorpe and Port Talbot. The Teesside steel plant hit a weekly output of 82,163 tonnes.

Last year's production, on provisional returns, totalled 18.9 million tonnes, an 8.8 per cent rise on the previous year.

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Third quarter and nine months results to 31 December 1988.

	Third quarter 3 months ended 31 Dec (unaudited) 1988 £m	1987 £m	Cumulative 9 months ended 31 Dec (unaudited) 1988 £m	1987 £m
Turnover	2,790	2,588	8,201	7,497
Operating profit	703	648	2,104	1,918
Profit before tax	623	582	1,862	1,717
Profit after tax	402	371	1,201	1,094
Earnings per share	6.6p	6.0p	19.8p	17.6p

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	Barkley	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyons (*469)	420	61	72	–	1½	6½	–
	460	28	43	56	6½	16	21
	500	9½	25	35	32	38	43
Brit Air (*185)	160	37	40	45	1½	3½	3½
	180	20	28	30	3½	9	10
	200	6	14	20	10½	17	18
Brit Com (*235)	220	24	30	35	4	9	10
	240	11	17	25	14	18	19
	260	5	10	18	28	32	34
Brit Steel (*77)	60	19	21	21½	½	1	2¼
	70	9¼	12¾	14	1¼	3¾	5¼
	80	3	5½	8	4¾	9	10
BP (*272)	240	32	36	40	2	4	6
	260	12	22	26	8	16½	13
	280	4	12	16	21	22	24
Bass (*323)	300	52	122	152	5	12	18
	900	52	87	115	13	27	32
	350	25	57	85	40	47	52
C & W (*419)	380	40	55	68	7	14	16
	420	20	36	48	16	28	30
	460	7	16	28	47	50	52
Cons Gold (*1448)	1350	126	175	190	40	50	60
	1400	105	140	160	55	75	80
	1450	75	105	120	70	95	100
Courtauld (*294)	280	25	34	40	6	14	17
	300	13	23	30	14	23	27
	330	5	11	18	38	47	47
Cons Union (*384)	350	29	40	44	9	14	18
	380	10	25	29	28	28	35
	420	4	12	17	52	52	55
GKN (*355)	300	60	64	73	2	6	8
	330	34	41	52	7	12	15
	360	15	24	35	21	24	29
Grand Met (*324)	454	71	–	–	2	–	–
	488	36	–	–	7	–	–
	542	12½	–	–	33	–	–
ICI (*1197)	1100	106	146	162	14	28	32
	1150	57	108	132	28	37	50
	1200	35	80	102	55	69	70
	1250	17	60	76	88	95	102
Jaguar (*305)	280	34	45	54	8	14	18
	300	18	34	43	16	24	28
	330	6	18	28	35	38	42
Land Sec (*568)	550	57	80	88	8	20	24
	600	12	27	42	38	45	47
	650	4	13	–	85	88	–
M & S (*185)	140	50	34	–	1	3	–
	160	14	18	25	4½	8	10
	180	3	8	14	16	20	22
STC (*310)	280	35	46	52	4	10	11
	300	21	33	41	10	17	22
	330	7½	19	27	32	33	36
Sainsbury (*234)	200	40	44	50	2	3½	5
	220	22	29	36	4½	9	11
	240	9	16	25	13	17	19
Shell (*368)	350	23	34	–	7	11	–
	357	11	–	–	15	–	–
	390	4½	13	16	35	36	36
Storehse (*172)	160	21	30	–	4½	11	–
	180	10	18	23	14	22	24
	200	4½	11	15	28	33	36
Trafalgar (*340)	300	45	58	60	2	5	6
	330	24	31	40	8	15	18
	360	8	17	25	23	32	34
Utd Biscs (*331)	300	40	49	58	4½	11	14
	330	19	31	39	14	19	22
	360	8	19	25	37	38	38
Ultramar (*292)	275	30	–	–	11	–	–
	294	19	–	–	19	–	–
	330	7	20	28	45	48	52
Woolworth (*278)	260	27	33	40	6	12	15
	280	14	23	30	16	20	25
	300	7	14	20	32	34	36

	Barkley	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
P & O (*578)	550	130	140	145	1½	4	6
	600	80	95	104	2	8	10
	650	30	47	65	9	20	23
Pilkington (*243)	220	24	33	36	1½	3½	6
	240	6	16	23	3	8	13
	260	1½	8	11	18	20	23
Plessey (*288)	220	35	47	52	1	4	9
	240	16	30	36	1½	8	12
	260	3½	16	24	13	17	20
Prudential (*189)	140	30	34	36	1	1½	1½
	160	10	16	19	1	7	9
	180	1	6	10	12	17	20
Racal (*328)	280	55	66	76	½	4	6
	300	35	49	58	1	6	13
	330	9	26	36	9	16	22
	360	1½	15	23	35	34	38
RTZ (*512)	480	50	67	77	1	8	14
	500	13	37	53	8	23	30
	550	1½	15	30	47	53	58
Vaal Reefs (*71)	60	13	15	18	1	1½	4
	70	3	6	10	11½	6	8
	80	1	3	5	11	12	14

	Barkley	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad (*155)	140	22	28	33	3½	7	9
	160	8	14	22	10	14	18
	180	3	8	13	29	29	30
Barclays (*457)	420	45	47	57	5	8	13
	460	14	22	32	25	28	33
	500	4	9	15	60	60	62
Blue Circ (*492)	420	80	84	94	2	6	11
	460	42	50	64	4	16	20
	500	17	30	40	18	32	36
Dixons (*158)	140	25	30	37	3	5	8
	160	11	17½	24	9	13½	15
	180	5	11	16	25	27	30
Glaxo (*1259)	1150	128	167	210	6	24	31
	1200	84	130	170	17	37	47
	1250	52	100	140	37	59	67
	1300	30	72	110	65	84	92
Hanson (*337)	550	95	106	122	1½	9	14
	600	52	68	88	10	23	35
	650	22	36	60	32	48	55
Hillsdown (*274)	240	36	45	50	1	4	5
	260	19	27	36	4½	8	10
	280	10	19	26	14	18	21
Ladbro (*340)	330	23	42	55	9	19	23
	360	9	21	35	27	36	41
	390	3	17	25	58	55	61
Midland (*457)	420	43	47	57	3	8	12
	460	12	22	30	23	25	30
	500	4	11	14	62	62	62
Sears (*124)	110	17	22	25	1½	4	6
	120	10	15	19	4	8½	10
	130	4½	10	14	9	13½	17
THF (*283)	260	30	38	48	2	5½	8½
	280	14½	25	33	12	15	15
	300	6	15	22	30	24	26
Thorn EMI (*695)	650	60	75	86	6	11	20
	700	28	39	55	22	28	37
	750	6	17	29	58	58	67
Wellcome (*977)	420	66	85	101	2	8	12
	460	36	55	75	10	19	25
	500	13	34	50	32	41	45

	Barkley	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Boots (*282)	240	29	37	44	3	8	11
	260	18	22	31	9	15	18
	280	6	12	21	22	28	28
Brit Gas (*175)	140	37	42	–	½	½	–
	160	17½	24	27	1	3	4½
	180	4	10	12	7½	10	13
	200	1	3¼	5½	27	27	28

	Barkley	Calls Mar	Jul	Oct	Puts Mar	Jul	Oct
Beecham (*571)	460	120	135	145	1½	4	7
	500	80	100	113	3	9	14
	550	40	62	78	10	24	30
	600	14	35	50	40	50	54
Unilever (*550)	460	97	107	123	1½	3½	6
	500	58	73	90	2¾	11	15
	550	22	42	57	17	27	36

	Barkley	Calls Mar	May	Aug	Puts Mar	May	Aug
BTR (*536)	300	41	42	50	1	4	6½
	330	18	19	29	7	12	17
	360	4½	7½	16	25	33	35
Hanson (*178)	140	40	40½	43	45	½	½	1½
	160	21	24	28½	1	2	3¼
	180	5½	9¼	14	6	7½	9½
Tesco (*158)	200	1	2½	5½	22½	23½	24
	140	20	23	25	1½	3½	6
	160	5½	9	15	9	11	13

	Barkley	Calls Mar	May	Aug	Puts Mar	May	Aug
Enterprise (*544)	500	57	–	–	9	–	–
	550	23	–	–	28	–	–
	600	8	–	–	63	–	–
Scot & Newc (*416)	380	39	48	–	12	18	–
	420	21	32	–	34	28	–
	460	8	18	–	60	53	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2034)

Barkley	Calls Feb	Mar	Apr	Puts Feb	Mar	Apr
			May			May
1900	145	170	187	4	14	20
1950	98	128	150	6	29	32
2000	58	93	113	17	35	48
2050	28	62	80	40	58	63
2100	12	39	52	75	80	83
2150	5½	26	43	57	123	128

						85	107
						135	140

February 16, 1989 Total: 37812 Calls 29851 Puts 8961 FT-SE: Calls 19238 Puts 3961
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Apollo Metals (58p)	71
Ass Farmers	78
Bardon Group	154 +1
Betacom (62p)	77 –1
Bosrom (135p)	165 +2
Brit Steel P/P (60p)	77 –½
Capital Leasing (44p)	75
Cassidy Bros	55
Channel Express (70p)	85
CLF Yeoman	408
Compass Group (245p)	325
Dawsongroup (154p)	187 +1
Embassy Prop Gp	189
Europe Minerals (100p)	118
Farepak (125p)	136
Hilding Estate	90
Malaya Gp (47p)	47
Metro Radio (110p)	194
National Freight	254
Planning Research (120p)	138 –2
Poddington	29
Racal Telecom	251 +7
Sandell (117p)	122
Secure Trust (140p)	188 +5
Sheriff Hidgs (140p)	148
Tollgate Hidgs	42
Torex Hire	75 –1
Unit Group (140p)	145
Venture Plant (95p)	113 +2
Wood (Graham) (185p)	201

RIGHTS ISSUES

ERF N/P	135 –7
Expamet N/P	31 –2
Hugh-Ht N/P	21 –1
National Freight N/P	122 –2
Stanco N/P	2½ –½
Woodingtons N/P	

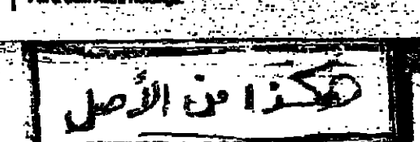
(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings February 6	Last Dealings February 17	Last Declaration May 16	For Settlement May 30

Call options were taken out on: 16/2/89 Argos Holdings, Whitbread, Bulmer, Darras Estates, BSR, Lonrho, S Priest, Redwood, CI Group, Chartertrust, KCA Drilling, Bougainville, De La Rue, SR Gent, Nobsons.
Put: TVS, Hopkinsons.
Put & Calls: Argos Holdings.





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Dividend per Ordinary Share for full year	13.5p	12.5p

Dividend growth 1983–1988 69%.

*Which excludes stockholding losses.

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STOCK MARKET

Investors move to the sidelines and wait for inflation figure

Investors decided to keep their powder dry and retreated from battle to await today's inflation figures which are expected to make gloomy reading.

The Chancellor gave warning last weekend that the inflation rate was set to rise above 7 per cent, which succeeded in taking much of the steam out of the market. Some estimates claim the rate for the 12 months to January was 7½ per cent – way above earlier forecasts.

Share prices continued to lose ground in London despite a 22-point rise overnight on Wall Street helped by a late rally in the dollar. Brokers in London appeared more preoccupied with the latest profits warning – this time from Storehouse – after similar messages in the week from Mr Alan Sugar's Amstrad and De La Rue.

The FT-SE 100 index spent a nervous time but managed to close above its worst levels of the day. It ended 13.7 down at 2,033.8, having been more than 18 points lower earlier in the day. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also reduced a 14.2 deficit to 10.2 at 1,667.2, encouraged by another firm start to resumed trading in New York.

Turnover levels were boosted by at least three mixed programme trades. The biggest was carried out by Barclays de Zoete Wedd as one client switched out of beta stocks into alphas. Smaller trades were also carried out by Smith New Court and rival Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers.

The decision of the West German Bundesbank not to raise the discount rate from 4 per cent prompted renewed support for the pound. As a result, government securities sported gains of more than £½ at the longer end.

Among the leaders, Beecham stood out with a rise of 6p to 571p on wild talk of a bid from the US. But Jaguar lost 9p to 305p with analysts continuing to take a bearish view on prospects.

Stakebuilding stories helped Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's best-known advertising agency, to rise 25p to 412p. Stories circulating in the market-place claim Mr Bob Jacoby, who used to run Ted Bates, the Saatchi subsidiary, has bought a small stake with the proceeds from the sale of his business. The Saatchi share prices has been a weak market of late and failed to live up to expectations.

Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's biggest manufacturing company, advanced 11p to £11.96p as buyers grew excited about next Thursday's full-year figures.

Mrs Jinty Price and Mr Oliver Fear, the chemicals team at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, have pencilled in pre-tax profits of £1.48 billion, up from £1.31 billion. They say ICI is cheap on fundamentals but urge clients to take profits short-term.

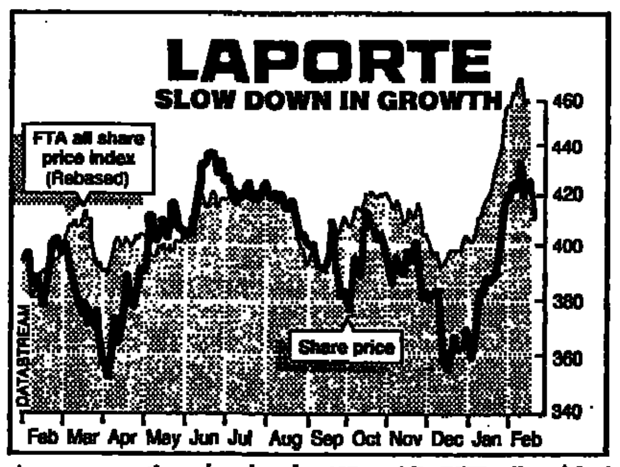
Laporte Industries, the chemicals supplier, suffered a setback, sliding 11p to 409p after a downgrading of profits by Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker. Analysts at Scrimgeour are bracing themselves for a slowdown in profits growth next year because European housewives are switching from powder-based detergents to liquid detergents.

Laporte produces compounds for a number of detergent producers through its Interox subsidiary, which last year accounted for almost one-third of profits. Scrimgeour says the lurch towards liquid detergents will take its toll of profits in the long-run.

As a result, Scrimgeour has decided to reduce its profit forecast. For the year just ended it has trimmed its estimate by £2 million to £84 million, excluding property profits. That compares with £71.6 million in 1987. The broker has also cut its estimate for the current year by £6 million to £94 million and for next year by £12 million to £100 million.

More than 3 million shares changed hands in British Aerospace as the price closed 5p higher at 535p.

London Securities, 1½p up at 52p, may soon reap the rewards of some shrewd investments, including a 14 per cent stake in Explaura and various venture capital projects. Russell Wood, the broker, says they are in at book value and could be worth £7 million, or 25 per cent of capitalization.



Demand was sparked off by news that Lufthansa has signed a $3 billion (£1.7 billion) order for 15 Airbus A340 airliners with options on a further 15. British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake in the Airbus consortium.

But the Lufthansa deal coincided with news that British Aerospace is to close two large factories and reduce its workforce by an extra 1,900 in a big shake-up.

Companies with Australian interests suffered a setback after news of the gloomy balance of payments figures which sent the Australian dollar tumbling.

BTR dropped 10p to 335p and BICC retreated 8p to 457p, while BET relinquished 2p to 260p. Reckitt & Colman, the Coleman's mustard-to-cherry blossom polish group, a firm market recently on consortium bid speculation, fell 24p to £10.24p. Phillips & Drew, the broker, is believed to have started the decline by selling a parcel of 200,000 shares in the early dealings.

Shares of Stakis, the hotels and leisure group, lost 1.5p to 103p. Warburg Securities, the broker, easily placed 4.2 million shares with various institutional investors at 99.75p a share. The shares were believed to be previously held by the Stakis family.

Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's troubled retailer which includes BHS, Habitat, Mothercare, Heal's and Richards shops, dropped 7p to 172p as 8.2 million shares changed hands.

Investors ran for cover after hearing that the company intends to make a £48 million charge against pre-tax profits for the current year.

Dealers said that the shares would have fallen a lot further – possibly to 150p – if Mr Asher Edelman, the US corporate raider, were not sitting on a 6 per cent stake.

Racal, the electronics group, fell 11p to 328p as Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers cut its forecast for the current year to £184 million from £194 million and from £275 million to £255 million for next year. STC declined 7p to 310p on reports of a Morgan Stanley downgrading.

Caradon, the building materials group, was a firm market, advancing steadily throughout the session to finish 10p higher at 375p in the wake of a visit by analysts.

Spirax-Sarco, the fluid controls group, continued to hover about its high of 228p helped by talk of stakebuilding. Dealers are pinning their hopes on a bid of 320p emerging soon valuing the entire group at £158 million. Siebe has been mentioned as a possible suitor.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining group, rose 9p to £14.50p on suggestions that Minorco is about to return with a £17-plus a-share offer. Its initial £13 a share offer was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Clearing banks drifted lower ahead of the dividend season which gets under way next week.

Lloyds, reflecting renewed Third World debt uncertainties, closed 10p lower at 370p. The reports are due next Friday and analysts are expecting profits of between £965 million and £1 billion.

Barclays closed 5p lower at 457p, Midland cheapened 3p to 457p and NatWest, which starts the season on Tuesday and is expected to reveal profits of about £1.4 billion, up from £704 million, closed unchanged at 609p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	990	CU	765	L&G	598	Scot & N	361
Abbey	864	Cons Gold	986	Lloyds	4,197	Sears	5,930
Alld-Lyons	2,950	Cookson	546	Lonrho	629	Sedgwick	1,682
Amstrad	2,025	Courtaulds	1,107	Lucas	671	Shell	2,809
ASDA	2,530	Dalgety	992	Magnet	630	Siebe	1,118
AB Foods	815	Dixons	6,029	M&S	2,627	Slough	785
Argyll	2,456	ECC	899	Maxwell Cm	426	Smith & N	5,176
BAA	1,725	Enterprise	403	MB Group	735	Smith WH	251
BET	1,794	Ferranti	3,230	MEPC	359	Smiths Ind	672
BTR	5,309	Fisons	1,407	Midland	1,339	STC	2,893
BAT	1,805	FKI Babck	1,270	NatWest	1,955	Stan Chart	894
Barclays	2,748	Gateway Cp	6,276	Next	2,428	Storehse	9,380
Bass	245	Gen Acc	524	Nth Food	986	Sun Allnce	808
Beecham	3,958	GEC	1,515	P&O	1,261	T & N	985
Beazer	2,933	Glaxo	1,227	Pearl	204	Tarmac	2,369
Bensfd Intl	2,405	Globe Inv	337	Pearson	209	Tate & Lyle	620
BICC	1,115	Glynwed	1,669	Pilkington	1,421	Taylor Wood	410
Blue Arrw	13,598	Granada	961	Plessey	1,267	TSB	4,050
Blue Circle	848	Grand Met	1,632	Polly Peck	390	Tesco	2,161
BOC	1,598	GUS 'A'	270	Prudential	2,765	Thorn EMI	840
Boots	1,126	GRE	1,277	Racal	6,750	Trafalgar	777
BPB	1,499	GKN	1,018	Racal Tele	2,474	THF	3,477
Br Aero	3,332	Guinness	1,358	Rk Hovis	734	Ultramar	1,064
Br Airwys	5,333	Hamm 'A'	98	Rank	1,254	Unigate	923
Br Comm	167	Hanson	9,716	R&C	2,037	Unilever	1,554
Br Gas	6,430	H & C	347	Redland	436	United Bis	701
Br Land	489	Hawker	727	Reed	1,507	Utd News	489
Br Petrol	8,080	Hillsdown	2,124	Reuters	3,526	Wellcome	1,673
Br Steel	19,484	IMI	614	RMC Gp	824	Whitbrd	580
Br Telecm	6,250	ICI	1,513	RTZ	3,128	Williams	547
Bunzl	841	Inchcape	184	R-Royce	5,668	Wills Fab	343
Burmah	314	Jaguar	1,709	Rothmn 'B'	92	Wimpey G	550
Burton	2,493	Lasmo	448	Royal Bank	417	Woolworth	1,450
C&W	4,538	Ladbroke	1,332	Royal Ins	1,403		
Cadbury	1,669	Land Sec	789	Saatchi	4,992		
Coats	2,244	Laporte	860	Sainsbury	2,704		

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SYDNEY

'Banana republic' fears as index falls

(Reuter) – Much worse than expected January balance of payments data pushed the Australian share market to its lowest level in two months, brokers said.

At the close of computer trading, the All-Ordinaries index had fallen 28 points to 1,451 – its lowest since December 19.

Brokers termed the Aus$1.54 billion (£734 million) current account deficit "disastrous" and pounded the market down through the main support levels.

"It's back to the banana republic," one said.

"This is a disaster for the government's strategy because it's an indication that interest rates aren't working to slow down domestic demand."

The All-Industrials slipped 39.8 points to 2,438.4, the All-Resources 18.6 to 714.1 and the gold marker 15.1 to 1,396.2.

National turnover reached 105.85 million shares worth Aus$239 million, with falls outnumbering rises by about three to one.

Widespread losses occurred among interest-rate sensitive industrials.

● **Tokyo** – The Nikkei index fell 65.90 points – 0.2 per cent – to 32,083.58 after hitting a record traded high of 32,354.75 in the morning.

The previous record was 32,270.48, on February 9.

Prices closed lower as concern on overheating swept the market, brokers said. Fear that prices were climbing too fast was fed by speculation that exchange authorities would soon tighten margin regulations.

First section turnover was a hefty 1.9 billion shares against 1.6 billion on Wednesday.

● **Hong Kong** – Hong Kong shares closed lower after another volatile day. The Hang Seng index closed 19.73 points lower at 3,081.14. It hit an early high of 3,130 on gains on Wall Street and in Tokyo, but then fell steadily on worries about the future course of the US dollar, brokers said.

The broader-based Hong Kong index lost 12.34 points to 2,036.34. Turnover was almost the same as on Wednesday, at HK$1.69 billion (£121 million) against HK$1.70 billion.

NEW YORK

Early rise for Dow as rate fears ease

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares levelled off from early gains after rising on news that the Bundesbank had held two key interest rates steady, easing pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise the discount rate.

Traders said higher than expected January housing starts added to inflation worries. The Dow Jones Industrial average, which closed up 22.68 at 2,303.93 on Wednesday, gained 6.43 points to 2,310.36 in early trading.

San Juan Racing rose ½ to 15⅛.

● Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) – Share prices closed mostly higher, but well below its early peaks, as the market grappled with the Bundesbank's decision to keep its key rates steady. The DAX index ended at 1,317.91, up 0.59 points.

Equities staged a strong recovery in the morning as speculation about a discount and Lombard rate hike slowly faded. The day-earlier rally in New York, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 22.68 points, contributed to the markets stabilization, brokers said.

WALL STREET

	Feb 15	Feb 14		Feb 15	Feb 14		Feb 15	Feb 14
AMR Cp	60	58%	Fedders	12%	12%	Pennzoil	81%	81%
ASA	39%	39%	Fst Chicago	35%	35%	Pepsico	40%	39%
Aetna Life	50%	49%	Fst Int Bncp	48	47%	Pfizer	56%	57%
Allied Signal	34%	34	Fst Penn C	12%	12%	Phelps Dod	54%	55
Allis Chlm	n.a	n.a	FT Wachvia	39%	39%	Philip Mor	108%	107%
Alcoa	61%	61%	Ford Motor	54%	53%	Philip Ptl	21%	21
Amax Inc	25%	25%	GAF Cp	50%	50%	Polaroid	42%	41%
AMR Hess	32%	31%	GTE Cp	45	45%	Primerica	23%	23%
Am Brands	64%	62%	Gen Cp	16%	16%	Proct Gble	90%	89%
Am Cynmd	49%	49%	Gn Dynam	50	49%	Pub SE Gr	24	24
Am Ele Pwr	26%	26%	Gen Electric	46%	45%	R Nabisco	84	84%
Amexs	30%	30%	Gen Inst	31%	30%	Raytheon	68%	68%
Am Family	15%	15%	Gen Mills	54%	55	Rynlds Metl	57%	57%
Am Home	87%	86%	Gen Motors	89%	88%	Rockwell Int	22%	21%
Am Int Grp	72%	72%	Gen Pub Ut	37%	37%	Royal Dutch	59	58%
Am Telph	31%	31	Genesco	5%	5%	Scecorp	32%	32%
Amoco Cp	75%	75%	Georgia Pac	39%	39%	SFE Sopac	21%	21%
Anheuser B	34%	33%	Gillette	35	34%	Sara Lee	46%	46%
Arch Dan	22%	22%	Goodrich	52%	52%	Schlumb	36%	35%
Armco Steel	11%	11	Goodyear	49%	49%	Scott Paper	40	40
Asarco Inc	27	26%	Grace Co	28%	28%	Seagram	68%	67%
Ashland Oil	34%	34%	Grt Atl Pac	50%	49%	Sears Roeb	42	41%
Atl Richfld	84%	84%	Greyhnd	30%	30%	Sec Pac	37%	36%
Avon Prod	21%	21%	Gruman	20	20	Shell Trans	38%	39
Bk Boston	25%	25%	Gulf Westn	42%	41%	Smith Beck	49%	50
Bank NY	41%	40%	Heinz	45%	46	Sony Cp	55%	56
Bankamer	21%	20%	Hercules	49%	48%	SW Bell	42%	43%
Bkrs Tst NY	39%	38%	Hewlett Pk	56%	57%	Squibb	68	67%
Baxter	19%	19%	Hilton	49%	49%	Sun Comp	34%	33%
Beth Steel	26%	26%	Honeywell	66½	65%	TDK	67%	67%
Boeing	62%	62%	IC Ind	n.a	n.a	TRW Inc	45	45%
Boise Casc	42%	41%	ITT Cp	54%	54%	Teledyne	354%	349%
Borden	58%	58%	INCO	30%	30%	Tenneco	47%	47%
Brist Meyr	46%	45%	Ing Rand Wl	37%	37%	Texaco	50%	49%
BP	58%	58%	Inland Steel	43%	43%	Tex Eastn	49%	49%
Brunswick	16%	16%	IBM	128%	124%	Texas Inst	42%	41%
Burl Nth	24%	24%	Int Paper	48%	47%	Tex Util	28%	28%
CBS	168%	170%	Irving Bk	n.a	n.a	Textron	27	26%
CMS Engy	25	24%	Jhsn & Jhsn	89%	88%	Travelers	37%	37%
CPC Int	52%	51%	K Mart	37%	37%	UAL Cp	127%	126%
CSX Cp	32%	32%	Kerr McGee	42%	41%	USG Cp	6%	6%
Camp Soup	31%	31%	Kimberly Clrk	62	61%	USX Cp	31%	31
Can Pacific	19%	19%	Knght Ridr	47%	46%	Unilever Plc	38%	38%
Caterpillar	58%	59%	Kraft	n.a	n.a	Un Carbide	32%	31%
Centrl SW	30%	30%	Kroger	9%	9%	Un Pac Cp	70	69%
Champion	34%	34	LTV Cp	2%	2%	Unisys Cp	29%	28%
Chase Man	32%	31%	Litton	75%	74%	Unit Brand	15%	15%
Chem Bank	31%	32%	Lockheed	46%	46%	Us West	61%	61%
Chevron	47%	47%	Lone Star	30%	30%	Utd Tech	44%	43%
Chrysler	27%	27%	Man H'wer	32%	32%	Unocal	41%	40%
Citicorp	27%	27%	Manville	7%	7%	Warn Lamb	79%	78%
Clark Eq	35	34%	Mapco	61%	61%	Wells Far	65%	65%
Coca Cola	47%	48%	Marriott	32%	32%	Westg El	55%	55%
Colgate	45%	45%	Mt Marrieta	43%	43%	Weyerhsr	26%	26%
Columb Gas	34%	34%	Masco Cp	26%	26%	Whirlpool	26%	26%
Cmb'tn Eng	27%	27%	Mcdonalds	51%	50%	Woolworth	52%	52%
Cmwlth Ed	33%	33%	McDonnell	89%	89	Xerox Cp	64%	63%
Cons Edis	45%	45%	Mead Cp	41	40%	Zenith	20%	19%
Consol Ng	39%	39%	Merck	63%	62%			
Cont Data	20%	20%	Minsta Mng	67%	67	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	n.a	71%	Mobil	46%	46%			
Crane	25%	24%	Monsanto	90%	89%	Agnico Eag	12%	12%
Curtiss W	52%	52%	Montedison	15	14%	Alcan Alum	39	38%
Data Genl	19%	18%	Morgan Jp	36%	36	Can Pacific	23%	23%
Deere Co	45%	45%	Motorola	44%	44%	Cominco	26%	26%
Delta Airl	56%	55%	NCR	59%	58%	Con Bathrst	24%	24%
Detroit Ed	18	17%	NL Indstrs	22%	22	Hawk S Can	25	25
Digital Eq	115%	114%	Nat Med Ent	26%	26%	Hud Bay M	24%	24%
Disney	74%	74%	Nat Semi	8%	8%	Imasco	31%	31
Dow Chem	96%	95%	Norfolk Sth	33%	33%	Imperial Oil	50%	50
Dresser Ind	32%	32%	NW Bancrp	35%	35%	Inco	35%	35%
Dupont	97%	96%	Occid Pet	27%	27%	Royl Trstco	17%	17%
Duke Pwr	44%	44%	Ogden Cp	27%	27%	Seagram	80%	80%
East Kodak	47%	47%	Olin Cp	50%	49%	Shell Can	47%	47%
Eaton Cp	58	57%	PPG Ind	43%	43%	Stelco	24%	24%
Emerson El	30%	30%	Pac Enterp	39%	39%	Thmsn N 'A'	27%	27%
Emery Air	7%	7%	Pac Gas El	18	17%	Varity Cp	3.55	3.55
Exxon	45	44%	Pan Am	4	4%	WCE	16%	17%
Farah Inc	8%	8%	Penney JC	52%	52%	Weston	37%	37%

House of Lords — Law Report February 17 1989 — Court of Appeal

'Civil law' is not to be given a foreign interpretation

In re State of Norway's Application (Nos 1 & 2)

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Lowry

[Speeches February 16]

Although a major purpose of the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975 had been to give effect to the 1970 Hague Convention, the expression "civil or commercial matter" in section 9(1) of the Act (in respect of which evidence could be obtained for a foreign court) was not restricted to the interpretation that would be given to it in civil law systems, that is, private rather than public law.

The proceedings in respect of which evidence was sought by the foreign court had simply to be characterized as "proceedings in a civil or commercial matter" by the law of the requesting court and by the law of England.

Further, the jurisdiction of the High Court under the 1975 Act was wide enough to embrace proceedings in fiscal matters and a request to it for the obtaining of evidence which would be used for the enforcement of the revenue laws of Norway in Norway itself did not infringe the rule against the direct or indirect enforcement in this country of the revenue laws of a foreign state.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the State of Norway and the estate of the late Anders Jahre against the order of the Court of Appeal in *In re State of Norway's Application (No 2)* (*The Times* January 8, 1988; [1988] 3 WLR 603) that the English courts had no jurisdiction to entertain a request by the Norwegian courts for the examination of two witnesses resident in England in respect of proceedings in Norway concerning the correctness of a tax assessment.

Mr Anthony Boswood, QC and Mr Stephen Moriarty for the State of Norway and the estate; Mr Michael Crystal, QC, Mr J. A. Jolowicz and Mr David Alexander for the witnesses.

LORD GOFF said that the appeal was concerned with letters rogatory issued by a Norwegian court, addressed to the English High Court, requesting the oral examination of two witnesses in this country, Lord Kindersley, a director of Lazards, and Mr A. J. Hardman, a senior employee of Lazards.

The witnesses had opposed any order. Their principal fear was that, if compelled to give evidence, they would be forced to break their duty of confidentiality as bankers.

In the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Balcombe had allowed the witnesses' appeal on the ground that the words "proceedings in any civil or commercial matter" in section 9(1) of the 1975 Act were to be construed, in accordance with what they held to be a generally acceptable international interpretation.

That was, in the civil law sense as excluding public law matters and so excluding fiscal matters, and that therefore the English court had no jurisdiction to entertain the request of the Norwegian court.

Lord Justice Woolf had concluded that there was no internationally acceptable meaning to be attached to the words but he had nevertheless held that the expression excluded fiscal matters and on that basis also held that there was no jurisdiction.

The witnesses had submitted that the main purpose of the 1975 Act was to give effect to the 1970 Hague Convention on the taking of evidence abroad in civil or commercial matters. The words "civil or commercial matter" in section 9(1) of the Act reflected the same words in article 1 of the Convention and should be given the same meaning.

Furthermore, the distinction between "civil" and "commercial" matters was inconsistent with the English procedural classification, in which civil matters embraced all non-criminal matters and in particular included commercial matters.

That suggested that the words in section 9(1) should, like the same words in the English text of article 1, be regarded as derived from the words *matière civile ou commerciale* in the French text of article 1.

In France, as in other civil law countries, civil matters were categorized as a matter of substance and were regarded as limited to private law matters, excluding public law matters and in particular fiscal matters.

That approach was commended as "internationalist"; and it had been suggested that it would achieve uniformity in the construction of article 1, and a consistent construction of section 9(1) of the Act which was derived from it.

His Lordship said that the 1975 Act was not only passed to ensure that our domestic law accommodated the Convention. It was also passed to embrace within one Act the relevant powers of superior courts in the United Kingdom, previously contained in a number of Acts.

It enabled courts in the United Kingdom to assist courts in other jurisdictions throughout the world, whether in Convention countries or in non-Convention countries (of which there was still a large number).

In those circumstances, in considering the scope of the jurisdiction conferred by the 1975 Act it was both legitimate and appropriate to have regard to the legislative history of the Act, begining with the Foreign Tribunals Evidence Act 1856, which conferred on the courts power to order examination of witnesses whose testimony a foreign court "before which any civil or commercial matter is pending" was desirous of obtaining.

Although there were 23 bilateral Conventions entered into between the United Kingdom and various countries, it was not a legitimate inference that the English expression "civil or commercial matters" in those Conventions was a translation from the French *matière civile ou commerciale*, especially bearing in mind that the English expression was also to be found in the United Kingdom legislation for nearly 70 years before the first Convention in 1922.

The argument on behalf of the witnesses would involve a profound departure from the established legal practice of conferring a very broad jurisdiction upon the courts in the United Kingdom to enable them to provide assistance for courts in other jurisdictions by obtaining evidence for them.

There was no hint in the 1975 Act that any such departure was intended; indeed the long title made no reference at all to the 1970 Convention.

His Lordship considered the consequences if "proceedings in any civil or commercial matter" in section 9(1) were to be given a restricted construction limited by reference to a civil law meaning derived from the words in the French text.

First, the 1975 Act could be invoked to obtain evidence for another United Kingdom jurisdiction. It was improbable that Parliament should have legislated that such jurisdiction should be restricted to proceedings in a civil or commercial matter in a sense understood in civil law countries.

Next, for over a century, courts in British Dominions, most of them now independent members of the Commonwealth, had been able to take advantage of an unrestricted jurisdiction. It would be strange indeed if that jurisdiction should now be limited with reference to the law of civil law countries.

Furthermore, the 1975 Act conferred a jurisdiction exercisable to assist courts in all countries, whether or not parties to the 1970 Convention. It was very difficult to see why Parliament should have restricted that universal jurisdiction in 1975 with reference to the French text of the Convention and most unlikely that it should have done so *sub silentio*.

Lastly, the Act provided, consistently with the law as it had stood for over 100 years, for courts obtaining evidence in criminal proceedings.

It would have been surprising if Parliament had expressly perpetuated the power in relation to criminal proceedings, which were *par excellence* proceedings brought by the foreign state itself, and at the same time be held to have restricted the meaning of the words "civil or commercial matter" by excluding from them what were recognised (in varying forms) as public law cases by the law of certain states.

But the matter did not stop there. Study of comparative law revealed that it was very difficult to attribute any uniform meaning to "*matière civile ou commerciale*" in civil law countries.

There was little doubt that an important distinction was drawn between private law and public law, and that public law matters were generally excluded from civil or commercial matters, but the identification of public law matters differed from country to country, sometimes in minor respects, sometimes in major respects.

The words "civil or commercial matter" in the 1975 Act could not be construed with reference to any internationally acceptable meaning. There remained therefore the question of how they should be construed; and to answer that question it was first necessary to consider by reference to which system of law that question should be answered.

His Lordship concluded that jurisdiction would only be established if the relevant proceedings were proceedings in a civil or commercial matter under the law of both countries.

In the present case the judge had concluded, on the evidence before him, that, under Norwegian law, the proceedings in Norway would be classified as proceedings in a civil matter. He was entirely justified in reaching that conclusion, which was moreover consistent with Lord Diplock's view in *In re Westinghouse Electric Corporation Uranium Contract Litigation MDL Docket No 235* ([1978] AC 547, 633-634).

That was, that in the ordinary way the English court should be prepared to accept the statement of the requesting court that the evidence was required for the purpose of civil proceedings. It was appropriate that the requesting court should have regard to its own ordinary approach to those matters, without indulging in an analysis inappropriate in its own system.

In that way, the 1975 Act could be made to work sensibly in relation to all countries in the world, common law countries and civil law countries alike, without requiring any of them to act in any way which was foreign to its own way of thinking; and expert evidence would, in the vast majority of cases, be unnecessary.

The next question was whether, as a matter of English law, the jurisdiction of the High Court under the 1975 Act in respect of civil proceedings was wide enough to embrace proceedings in fiscal matters.

The words in section 9(1) were to be given their ordinary meaning, so that proceedings in any civil matter included all proceedings other than criminal proceedings, and proceedings in any commercial matter should be treated as falling within proceedings in civil matters. On that simple approach, his Lordship did not see why the expression should be read as excluding proceedings in a fiscal matter.

The rule in *Government of India v Taylor* ([1955] AC 491) was limited to cases of direct or indirect enforcement in this country of the revenue laws of a foreign state. The present case was not concerned with the direct or indirect enforcement of the revenue laws of Norway.

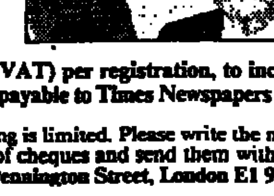
His Lordship could not see any extra-territorial exercise of sovereign authority [so as to constitute indirect enforcement] in seeking the assistance of the courts of this country in obtaining evidence which would be used for the enforcement of the revenue laws of Norway in Norway itself.

Lord Keith, Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Freshfields; MacFarlanes; Linklaters & Paines.

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Sentence for breach of matrimonial orders

Brewer v Brewer

An immediate committal to prison for the first breach of a matrimonial injunction was appropriate in exceptional cases only. A court would normally find it sufficient to make the committal order and then suspend it.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Dillon) so held on February 8 in dismissing an appeal by the husband from an order made by Judge Paling committing him to prison for an immediate two-month term for breach of such an injunction.

Time off for study of Act's repeal

British Bakeries (Northern) Ltd v Adlington and Others

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment February 15]

Where union officials employed by a bakery company attended a trade union meeting the purpose of which was to acquaint them with the implications of the proposed repeal of the Baking Industries (Hours of Work) Act 1954, which guaranteed reasonable working conditions in the industry, the officials were carrying out duties concerned with industrial relations between an employer and his employees within the meaning of section 27 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Mr Harry Adlington and three others from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr R. Lewis and Mr J. C. Ramsay) (*The Times* March 12, 1988; [1988] ICR 488), which by a majority had allowed an appeal by British Bakeries (Northern) Ltd from a decision of an industrial tribunal sitting at Leeds that Mr Adlington and three others were entitled to time off during working hours with pay in order to attend a meeting called by their union the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union.

Section 27 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 provides: "(1) An employer shall permit an employee of his who is an official of an independent trade union recognized by him to take time off . . . during the employee's working hours for the purposes of enabling him (a) to carry out those duties of his as such an official which are concerned with industrial relations between his employer . . . and their employees."

Mrs Janet Smith, QC and Miss Sarah Hager for the employees; Mr John Hand, QC and Mr P. Hinchcliffe for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the 1964 Act had been passed to ensure reasonable working conditions for those employed in the baking industry.

Pursuant to the Act the minister was empowered to grant exemption from its restrictions where an agreement granting the appropriate protection to the employees had been made between the union and the relevant employers.

One such agreement (the National Working Agreement) had been made in the present case, but it was clear that the continued existence of the 1954 Act was the substratum of that agreement.

In early 1986 the Government proposed the repeal of the 1954 Act, which at first the union attempted to oppose. It circularised its officials inviting them to attend a one-day workshop. The four employees attended the conference with leave of absence but without pay.

An industrial tribunal upheld their complaint that they were entitled to receive pay by virtue of section 27 of the 1978 Act. The Employment Appeal Tribunal, in allowing the employers' appeal, had based its decision on the ground that the purpose of the conference was to prevent the repeal of the 1954 Act not to discuss how the relationship between employer and employee was to be dealt with if the Act were repealed. Their view seemed to stem from a misunderstanding of the industrial tribunal's findings.

However, the appeal tribunal was bound by the facts as found by the industrial tribunal, and his Lordship was in no doubt that the industrial tribunal had found as a fact that the purpose of the conference was to acquaint union representatives with the implications of the proposed repeal. The appeal tribunal's decision was accordingly wrong.

In considering whether the industrial tribunal had itself reached the correct decision his Lordship considered *Sood v GEC Automation Ltd* ([1980] ICR 1), *Beal v Beecham Group* ([1982] ICR 460) and *Ashley v Ministry of Defence* ([1984] IRLR 57).

In *Beal's* case it had been recognized that preparatory work could fall within the discharge of duties concerned with industrial relations for the purposes of section 27(1)(a) of the 1978 Act.

Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson in *Ashley's* case had said that whether any particular preparatory or advisory committee was sufficiently proximate to actual negotiations with employers to constitute industrial relations was a matter of fact and degree dependent on the circumstances of each case. His Lordship agreed with that proposition.

It followed that unless the industrial tribunal had misdirected themselves in law, the Court of Appeal could not interfere with their decision that the conference was sufficiently proximate to actual negotiations with the employers which would probably ensue if the 1954 Act were repealed and the National Working Agreement determined.

His Lordship was satisfied that their decision disclosed no such misdirection, and accordingly he would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Kerr delivered a judgment concurring in the result and Lord Justice Woolf agreed with Lord Justice Balcombe.

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5	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
6	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
7	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
8	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
9	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
10	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
11	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
12	Schroders	Banks,Discount	
13	AAH	Industrials A-D	
14	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Hewden-Stuart	Building,Roads	
16	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
17	Domino	Electricals	
18	Tavener	Foods	
19	Silkolene	Oil,Gas	
30	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
21	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
22	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
24	Beauford	Industrials A-D	
25	Arlen	Electricals	
26	Merivale Moore	Property	
27	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
28	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
29	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
30	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
32	AMI Health	Industrials A-D	
33	Allied Text	Textiles	
34	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
35	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Caird Gp	Property	
37	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
38	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Petrocon	Oil,Gas	
40	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
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97%	92%	Treas	5% 1986-89	96%	+%	5.1	9.957
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102	95%	Exch	10% 1989	98%	..	10.1	12.446
104%	94%	Exch	10½% 1989	99%	..	10.3	11.053
102%	94	Treas	10½% 1989	99%	..	10.5	12.641
103%	94%	Exch	11% 1989	99%	..	11.0	12.315
91%	87%	Exch	2½% 1990	89%	..	2.8	8.866
95%	89%	Treas	3% 1990	92%	+%	3.2	9.438
102%	92%	Treas	8% 1990	95%	+%	8.0	8.858
99%	92%	Treas	8¾% 1987-90	94%	..	8.5	10.098
100%	93%	Treas	10% 1990	98%	..	10.1	11.053
104%	95%	Exch	11% 1990	99%	..	11.0	11.273
107%	94%	Exch	12¼% 1990	101%	● ..	12.8	11.346
107%	94%	Treas	13% 1990	101%	..	12.9	11.338
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100%	89%	Treas	8% 1991	93%	..	8.5	10.834
105%	93%	Treas C	10% 1991	100%	+%	9.9	9.920
107%	95%	Exch	11% 1991	100%	..	10.9	10.871
107%	94%	Treas	11¾% 1991	101%	..	11.6	10.914
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273	168	Allied Irish	265	270	+3	3.3	2.1	14.0
253	155	Anglo Leasing	245	252	..	2.7	3.5	33.3
93	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	78	80	..	8	..	..
278	124	Aus NZ	251	255	●-7	..	..	..
12½	5½	Bankamerica	12	-	+1½	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	255	259	+2	..	..	..
19½	15	Bank Leumi Israel	18	19	..	..	..	..
350	345	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	18.8	4.8	11.5
505	437½	Bank Of Scotland	98	100	-1	3.8	5.9	9.1
79	45	Bank Of Wales	62	70	..	3.7	5.5	9.8
494	392	Barclays (aa)	455	458	-5½	27.9	6.1	22.5
38	26	Benchmark	27	30	+1	2.2	7.6	18.6
435	340	Brown Shipley	340	345	+1	14.0	4.1	12.9
77	45	Bus Mortgage	58	67	..	..	..	..
394	318	Cater Allen	370	373	+5	30.0	8.0	12.8
71	54	Cattles	58	61	+1	3.7	5.5	12.6
270	175	Chartery	240	247	..	8.9	3.6	14.3
18½	11½	Chase Manhattan	18½	..	●+¼	..	..	..
19½	9½	Citicorp	18½	..	..	..	..	..
212	152	Clive Discount	205	215	..	6.7	3.2	19.7
81½	56½	Commerzbank	74½	-	+½	..	..	..
187½	114½	Deutsche Bank	116	..	..	..	..	..
38	24	Equity & Gen	33	36	+1	1.9	5.4	10.5
278	194	First Nat Finance	246	253	● ..	15.3	6.1	7.1
24	40	GPE	42	44	●+1	2.3	5.3	..
342	263	Gerrard Nat	280	290	..	24.0	8.4	15.5
134	90	Guinness Mahon	128	131	..	1.6	1.2	18.4
285	204	Hambros	245	250	..	12.4	5.0	10.1
55	42	HK Shanghai	51	54	..	3.3	6.2	..
517	415	Joseph (Leopold)	470	480	-5	19.6	4.1	19.7
159	130½	King & Shaxson	133	138	..	12.3	9.0	11.7
437	287	Kleinwort Benson	338	343	+1	18.7	5.6	8.3
388	239	Lloyds (aa)	310	312	-9	18.6	5.1	..
57	40	Lon Scot Bk	44	47	..	2.7	5.9	11.9
477	370	McCorq (aa)	455	458	-3	28.0	6.1	..
264	238	Morgan Grenfell	345	350	..	14.5	4.7	28.8
325	148	Nat Aust Bk	280	303	-10	..	..	..
528	509	Nat West (aa)	598	610	..	32.7	5.5	10.7
392	307	Provident	382	385	+2	23.3	6.4	10.2
111	39	Rea Bros	65	70	-2	0.3	0.4	..
148	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	184	189	..	10.7	5.8	7.4
416	287	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	362	365	● ..	20.9	5.1	5.9
10	850	Schroders	930	960	+6	22.8	2.3	12.0
595	372	Stand Chart (aa)	555	560	-6	46.7	8.4	..
128½	98	TSB (aa)	121	122	●-1½	7.0	5.8	8.6
505	470	Union Disc	485	490	● ..	40.0	8.2	11.0
355	270	Warburg SG	343	347	-6	15.6	4.5	9.2
133	95	Do 5% 'A'	119	122	-1	8.0	6.6	..
43½	23	Wells Fargo	39½	..	..	..	..	..
455	440	Wintrust	440	455	● ..	9.6	2.1	16.5

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
509½	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	467	470	●-6	18.2	3.9	14.0
943	734	Bass (aa)	923	928	+4	31.3	3.4	12.5
86	44	Belhaven	47	49	..	1.0	2.1	19.8
194	127	Boddingtons	180	182	..	5.4	3.0	18.7
195	130½	Bulmer (H P)	167	173	●+7	8.8	5.2	11.4
225	120	Burtonwood Brew	215	225	● ..	4.3	2.0	27.1
405	332	Clark (Matthew)	417	427	● ..	16.0	3.8	11.6
371	285	Devenish (JA)	325	333	+3	4.7	1.4	23.4
530	323	Grand Met (aa)	525	528	r -3½	20.0	3.8	12.0
313	176	Greenall Whitley	300	303	+1	9.7	3.2	13.5
595	433	Greene King	582	588	+1	10.4	1.8	26.0
380	271	Guinness (aa)	350	352	+1	12.9	3.3	12.9
915	698	Hardys & Hansons	905	935	● ..	31.3	3.4	16.1
184	78	Highland Dist	159	162	+1	3.8	2.4	21.4
440	128	Irish Dist	370	380	..	..	..	..
187	110	Marston Thompson	185	188	..	4.0	2.1	21.0
705	484	Morland	660	720	..	12.1	1.7	24.4
390	250	SA Breweries	275	290	..	..	..	..
435	205	Scot & New (aa)	416	418	●+2	12.7	3.0	20.5
340	92	Vaux Group	328	333	●-1	8.7	2.6	22.5
352½	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	330	332	+2	14.7	4.4	12.3
11½	324	Do 'B'	11	12	..	14.7	1.3	42.8
528	298	Whitbread Inv	525	530	+6	12.6	2.4	56.1
470	351	Wolverhampton & D	458	465	..	9.3	2.0	17.0
530	345	Young 'A'	507	527	..	12.5	2.4	30.2

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	167	Abbey	194	204	●+1	..	..	..
414	315	Amec	395	400	+1	19.3	4.8	11.3
457	331	Anglia Sec	432	447	-1	5.3	1.2	12.7
54	34	Anglo Utd	42	45	● ..	1.3	3.0	21.1
226	130	Arcolite	207	222	-11	5.3	2.5	13.5
382	247	Attwoods	380	383	+11	9.3	2.4	21.2
318	218	BPB Ind (aa)	249	251	..	12.3	4.9	8.6
380	240	Baggeridge Brick	323	333	● ..	6.7	2.0	13.2
187	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	102	105	..	2.9	2.8	8.3
166	148	Barton Group	152	156	+1	3.6	2.3	24.7
215	154	Barratt Devs	185	188	..	14.9	8.0	9.9
272	181	Bellway	235	238	-1	13.3	5.6	6.9
113	83	Bellwinch	88	93	..	5.0	5.5	7.4
384	175	Berkeley Gp	208	212	+1	5.3	2.5	7.9
147	83	Bett Bros	140	150	●+15	5.1	3.5	37.7
460	270	Blockleys	395	405	+5	8.7	2.5	20.9
501	408	Blue Circle (aa)	482	485	+9	21.2	4.3	11.7
443	318	Boot (Henry)	433	445	..	20.0	4.6	10.4
285	84	Breedon PLC	130	140	-2	4.6	3.4	38.2
170	119	Br Dredging	147	154	..	6.9	4.6	32.9
157	94	Bryant	124	127	●+2	6.0	4.8	7.9
168	112	CALA	125	138	..	3.7	2.9	8.8
159	110	CRH	155	158	+1	..	..	..
163	104	Calderland Robey	137	147	..	5.1	3.8	24.8
375	258	Caradon	373	377	+10	12.0	3.2	14.0
140	73	Church Charles	80	83	+6	5.3	6.5	6.1
495	195	Conder Grp	455	470	..	8.7	1.9	15.8
225	112	Copson PLC	183	190	● ..	4.0	2.1	23.2
351	259	Costain	318	328	-3	14.0	4.4	13.1
317	185	Countryside	270	278	+1	4.2	1.5	7.7
231	155	Crest Nicholson	205	208	-1	8.3	4.0	10.4
128	73	Crosby James	109	114	●-1	3.2	2.9	7.9
313	228	Douglas (RM)	280	285	● ..	6.6b	2.3	14.6
42	23	Esmond Hldgs	41	42	..	1.5	3.6	18.6
117	78	Erith	99	104	+1	4.4	4.3	13.8
300	176	Federated Hsg	237	242	+4	7.7	3.2	8.8
98	73	Finlan Gp	85	89	●-1	6.3	7.2	12.4
78	60	Galliford	76	78	..	4.3	5.6	13.3
280	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	273	285	..	3.5	1.3	38.6
665	365	Gleeson (MJ)	665	675	..	10.9	1.6	10.3
205	165	Heitons Ind	170	180	● ..	9.1	5.2	8.3
131	81	Hewden-Stuart	122	125	+3	2.9	2.3	12.8
380	241	Heywood Williams	293	297	+1	13.3	4.5	10.7
390	291	Higgs & Hill	355	363	+3	13.3	3.7	11.2
158	67	Hew Gp	85	90	..	3.5	4.0	11.2
69	45	Howard Hldgs	45	48	●+1	1.9	4.0	7.9
202	130	Ibstock Johnsen	158	161	+1	6.0	3.8	10.4
183	88½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	150	155	● ..	1.0	0.7	..
356	270	Laing (J)	340	345	..	10.7	3.1	10.1
179	105	Lawrence (Walter)	138	141	..	7.3	5.2	8.8
64	38	Lilley (FJC)	62	63½	+1½	..	..	73.3
280	185	Lovell (YJ)	255	258	●+4	8.9	3.5	9.6
289	173	Magnet (aa)	280	283	●+1	9.7	3.4	16.8
224	147	Manders	210	213	..	7.6	3.6	23.7
189	128	Marley	181	183	-2	7.3	4.0	13.0
288	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	283	288	●+3	10.0	3.8	13.1
133	79	Meyer (J)	100	103	..	4.2	4.1	8.5
390	282	McAlpine (Alfred)	345	350	-1	21.5	6.2	7.0
487	324	McCarthy & S	374	380	●-3	6.9	1.8	8.6
440	334	Meyer Int	428	430	..	14.8	3.4	11.5
240	55	Miller (Stanley)	188	193	+3	2.0	1.9	..
448	313	Mowlem (John)	437	442	-1	23.7	5.4	11.5
89	68	MSM	81	84	..	..	..	..
19½	10½	Nevershill	15½	19½	..	18.7	1.0	47.7
208	160	Newman Tonks	196	200	● ..	11.3	5.7	12.5
184	108	Persimmon	163	167	+4	8.0	3.6	13.8
128	75	Phoenix Timber	88	91	..	3.5	3.9	11.2
11½	715	Pochins	11¼	11½	..	25.3	2.3	11.1
164	128	Poening	145	150	..	4.5	3.0	9.1
614	423	RMC Gp (aa)	601	605	..	16.1	2.7	14.3
121	73	Raine Ind	99	101	..	4.0	4.0	11.8
504	364	Redland (aa)	488	491	+3	17.1	3.5	11.6
177½	111	Rugby Group	170	172	+1	6.2	3.6	15.4
285	167	Sharpe & Fisher	168	178	+3	..	..	..
153	111	Smart (J)	147	152	..	7.7	5.1	13.8
410	278	Steetley	388	391	+2	13.3	3.4	13.9
285	208½	Tarmac (aa)	285	287	+2	10.3	3.6	12.5
350	89	Tay Homes	133	138	+1	3.6	2.6	8.8
654	251	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	578	582	-2	14.7	2.5	21.5
403	233	Tilbury Group	388	395	..	12.8	3.3	13.3
300	215	Travis Perkins	253	263	-2	8.0b	3.1	12.3
333	225	Turriff	295	305	..	12.1	4.1	12.3
190	111	Wardspost	183	185	●+1	3.6	2.0	14.0
287	125	Ward Group	217	227	●+2	6.1	2.7	17.6
181	62	Ward Hldgs	103	117	● ..	3.5	3.1	8.2
355	261	Watts Blake	352	358	+4	8.6	2.4	15.3
274	202	Westbury	263	266	..	8.0	3.0	15.9
288	251	Wiggins	228	234	..	10.0	4.3	18.5
280	143	Wilson Bowden	235	240	..	6.5	2.7	13.5
285	142	Wilson (Connolly)	172	178	-1	3.3	1.9	13.2
311	219	Wimpey G (aa)	290	292	-2	10.3	3.5	12.2
129	66	YRM	108	116	●+1	4.3	3.8	10.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	134	135	●-1	3.1	2.3	15.1
577	441	Amersham	535	540	..	13.7	2.5	17.3
159	118	BTP	148	152	..	8.6	5.7	15.9
99½	79½	Bayer DM50	93½	-	+½	..	..	..
201	148	Blagden	188	192	..	10.5	5.5	14.0
165	118	Brent Chems	149	151	+1	7.1b	4.7	13.6
243	160	Canning (W)	232	235	r ..	7.3	3.1	11.9
379	265	Coalite	374	377	+3	13.4	3.6	12.1
358	260	Coates Bros	323	330	..	10.5	3.2	10.7
213	165	Croda	203	205	-1	12.5	6.1	13.4
194	139	Ellis & Everard	181	193	●-1	7.8	4.0	14.1
34	21	European Colour	24	25½	-½	1.2	4.8	27.2
211	152	Evode	185	188	-4	7.0	3.7	13.1
292	205	Fosseco	282	285	-1	15.1	5.3	12.7
292	226	Halstead (James)	275	280	..	11.0	4.0	18.1
253	133	Hickson	247	250	-1	8.3	3.3	16.3
99½	79½	Hoechst DM50	109½	..	..	..	..	..
12½	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	11½	11½	..	57.3	4.8	10.1
439	350	Laporte (aa)	407	410	-11	16.8	4.1	12.7
257	157	Leigh	238	243	+1	7.8	3.2	18.8
12½	5½	Norsk Hydro	12	-	+½	..	..	..
183	131	Plysu	178	183	..	3.3	1.8	18.5
285	205	Reabrook Hldgs	270	320	..	5.8	2.0	28.3
280	173	Rentokil	258	260	+4	4.7	1.8	22.8
171	100	Sutcliffe Speakman	142	147	..	2.7	1.9	17.2
545	270	Wolstenholme Rink	433	458	+3	16.3	3.7	14.1
288	213	Yorkshire Chem	285	290	+3	10.7	3.7	12.7
141	108	Yule Catto	122	127	+1	4.5	3.6	14.4

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	314	Alexon	380	382	..	12.7	3.5	11.4
78	21	Amber Day	48	49	..	..	..	69.8
97	81	Aquascutum 'A'	93	98	-1	4.0	4.2	17.4
136	91	Ashley (Laura)	111	114	..	3.1	2.7	18.2
368	330	Austin Reed	380	395	..	11.3	2.9	21.8
171	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	162	165	..	5.5	3.4	18.0
227	149	Benalls	217	220	..	4.3	2.0	32.5
24½	8½	Blacks Leis	10½	11	..	0.2	1.9	13.3
643	230	Body Shop	555	563	●-1	3.0	0.5	41.7
98	38	Bowmar	59	64	+1	..	..	81.8
34	38	Brown & Jackson	38	38½	..	0.1	0.3	29.3
250	155	Brown (N)	188	197	-1	6.7	3.5	12.2
284	164	Burton (aa)	208	210	●-2½	11.2	5.4	8.7
146	83	Cantors 'A'	115	120	● ..	3.3	2.8	10.9
93	63	Casket plc	80	85	+2	4.0	4.8	8.7
473	415	Church	425	445	..	15.3	3.5	13.5
287	131½	Coats Viyella (aa)	165	165	..	12.0	7.3	5.7
242	145	Courts Furnishers	188	193	..	7.5	3.9	18.3
650	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	590	610	-10	14.6	2.5	9.4
54	34	Dewhirst (AJ)	41	42	..	1.3	3.1	9.2
217	124	Dixons Grp (aa)	157	159	●-3½	5.9	3.7	8.6
250	154	Dunhill	233	242	..	4.1	1.7	18.0
97	38	ERA Gp	53	57	+1	3.2	5.8	8.6
750	655	Ellis (Wimbledon)	700	750	..	16.0	2.2	18.6
282	172	Empire Stores	203	208	+1	7.4	3.6	28.8
256	130½	Etam	180	184	-2	8.2	4.5	9.3
257	195	Fine Art Dev	229	230	-½	8.3	4.1	13.7
345	270	Footwear	315	335	..	11.1	3.4	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	62	64	+1	2.0	3.2	11.5
236	169	Goldberg (A)	202	208	●-3	7.5	3.7	18.6
17¼	15½	GUS	16	17	● ..	39.3b	2.4	16.9
17½	913	Do 'A' (aa)	16½	16½	● ..	39.3	8.6	11.1
45	28	Halsoe Plc	37½	38½	+2	2.2	5.8	12.1
272	135	Hepp Robinson plc	137	139	-3	6.3	4.6	11.7
69	57	Hollas	58	60	● ..	4.0	6.8	18.8
212	145	House Of Lerose	180	190	..	12.9	7.0	18.7
72	50	Leslie Wise Gp	64	67	..	3.7	5.6	11.4
11½	10½	Liberty	11½	11½	..	14.1	1.2	24.0
190	140	Marks Spencer (aa)	184	186	-1½	7.8	4.2	13.8
388	279	Menzies (John)	288	327	-1	7.8	2.3	10.7
281	190	Moss Bros	225	240	-7	3.9	1.7	28.4
186	122	Next (aa)	155	157	-4	9.9	6.3	7.5
885	340	Oliver (G)	500	550	+10	17.2	3.3	18.0
137	76	Pentos	98	101	..	1.9	1.9	11.3
236	158	Ratners Group	186	189	-4	7.3	3.8	8.3
98	59	S & U Stores	88	93	..	5.3	7.4	7.2
145	105	Sears (aa)	122	123	-½	5.8	5.1	13.0
337	204½	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	283	285	●-3	12.8	4.4	12.0
305	135	Sock Shop	148	158	● ..	2.7	1.8	27.5
136	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	120	124	● ..	6.5	5.3	18.9
230	162	Storehouse (aa)	169	171	●-8	11.7	6.9	9.3
182	130	T & S Stores	145	155	..	3.1	2.1	15.7
295	200	Tibbet & Britten	290	300	..	6.5	2.2	24.5
151	72	Tie Rack	95	100	..	1.8	1.8	17.4
245	153	Time Products	225	229	..	7.1	3.1	12.5
181	63	Vecx	61	65	-2	..	..	10.8
341	186½	Ward White	253	256	..	12.2	4.8	8.4
285	182	Wickes	215	223	..	1.8	0.8	20.0
238	180	Woolling Office	200	210	..	5.3	2.6	13.7
307	220	Woolworth (aa)	272	275	-2	12.4	4.5	11.1

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	411	425	..	20.0	4.8	9.6
111	70	ASB Manz	85	89	-1	4.0	4.6	22.0
173	87	Admiral Comp	130	135	..	3.0	2.3	16.6
150	85	Alba	141	146	..	..	..	..
321	100	Alphameric	118	122	●+2	4.7	4.0	5.8
234½	113	Amstrad (aa)	156	159	●+2	1.9	1.2	8.2
126	83	Apricot Computers	69	73	+2	3.0	4.2	6.9
170	90	Arlen	110	117	●+7	4.1b	3.6	9.3
154	77	Audio Fidelity	125	132	..	2.0	1.6	8.6
283	216½	Auto Sec	268	273	..	3.1	1.1	16.0
75	35	Beacon Gp	43	48	..	0.7	1.6	..
127	27	Bennett & Fountain	121	123	..	5.3	4.3	11.3
488	382	BICC (aa)	455	458	-8	19.3	4.0	21.0
104	34	BSR	68	69	-1	3.1	4.6	18.0
357	133	Blick	253	260	+10	7.5	2.9	15.5
122	58	Bulgin	80	81	+1	..	..	..
197	145	Bowthorpe	178	180	..	4.7b	2.4	14.7
216	151	Britannia Security	182	187	..	2.0	1.6	13.6
205½	183	Br Telecom (aa)	276	278	-5	12.3	4.8	12.1
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	21	23	..	0.3	1.4	12.7
447	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	418	421	●-6	9.8	2.3	21.1
285	182	Cambridge Elec	250	262	..	11.7	4.5	12.3
129	72	Cambridge Instr	54	58	..	1.1	2.0	18.1
67	47	Chloride	58	62	..	2.7	4.4	26.4
183	152	Cray Elect	148	155	●-1	4.7	3.1	15.8
183	133	Crystalate	133	160	..	8.8	5.1	11.5
120	59	DDT Group	90	100	..	1.8	1.7	15.3
128	75	Dale Elec	124	129	..	6.0	4.8	15.1
346	182	Domino	238	248	●+5	4.8	2.0	12.1
77	53	Dowding & Mills	73	75	..	2.7	3.6	14.4
221	175	Electrocomponents	190	203	..	6.1	3.0	13.7
128	99	Elec Data Process	107	117	-3	3.2	2.9	9.5
152	105	Electron House	143	148	-1	6.7	4.6	11.5
84	54	Electronic Mach	65	73	-1	1.3	1.9	37.9
480	387	Emess	435	453	..	11.5	2.5	17.3
458	287	Eurotherm	453	462	●+3	10.7	2.3	13.0
166½	113	FKI Babcock (aa)	154	155	+½	3.7	2.4	13.5
173	125	Farnell Elect	160	165	..	8.1	8.1	12.4
110	78½	Ferranti Intl (aa)	104	105	-1½	3.2	3.1	13.1
89	38	Forward Tech	38	43	..	1.3	3.2	6.7
230	144	GEC (aa)	219	221	●-3	9.1	4.1	13.0
480	192	Halland Simon	430	450	-3	3.7	0.8	28.6
85	46	Highland Elect	78	83	..	4.0	4.9	12.9
423	195	Hoskyns Gp	400	420	● ..	4.0	1.0	26.5
85	27	ITL Gp	33	38	+1	2.7	7.5	6.3
275	150	Jones Stroud	260	280	..	8.7	3.2	14.0
365	200	Kode	230	210	-5	20.7	10.1	6.7
365	263	Lec Refrigeration	340	350	+7	18.0	5.2	9.6
67	37	Life Sciences	64	68	..	1.3	2.0	28.5
402	232	Logica	285	292	-2	3.1	0.8	21.5
288	228	Macro 4	225	240	-5	5.2	2.2	14.4
254	178	Memec	214	223	..	5.9	2.7	9.1
95	36	MHS	43	48	+3	1.3e	2.8	10.6
463	282	Microfilm Repro	435	440	..	4.5	1.0	32.9
180	97	Micro Focus	165	175	-2	..	..	17.3
316	175	Microvitec	220	227	● ..	8.7	3.9	13.1
180	115	Mitel	148	-	..	..	..	..
24½	17½	Molex	20½	-	..	..	..	..
83	43	Multitone Elect	68	73	..	0.1e	0.1	..
44	28	Murray Elect	36	37	..	0.3	0.8	..
137	88½	NEI	132	134	-2	7.2b	5.4	43.3
122	48	NMW Comp	74	77	-1	..	..	13.4
153	129	National Telecom	127	130	r ..	2.0	1.6	11.7
363	253	Newmark (Louis)	330	345	..	18.6	5.5	10.2
305	245	Northamber	263	272	r+1	2.0	0.7	13.1
24	12	Oceonics	14	17	..	..	..	..
270	195	Oxford Instruments	223	226	● ..	3.7	1.6	15.1
221	135	P-E International	205	215	..	5.1	2.4	15.0
257	175	P & P	223	227	-1	4.0	1.8	12.5
58	32	Peak	43	44	..	0.4	0.9	28.8
82½	72½	Philips Fin 5½%	80	85	..	575	7.0	..
10½	700	Philips Lamps N/V	9½	..	..	..	..	..
335	230	Plessey	330	340	..	11.3	3.4	9.4
277	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	271	276	..	11.3	4.1	7.7
255½	141	Plessey (aa)	254	256	●+1	9.2	3.6	18.0
185	117	Pressac	135	140	..	2.3	1.7	11.4
257	90	Quotient	93	100	-5	4.3	4.5	4.7
354	202	Racal Elect (aa)	327	328	●-11½	6.5	2.0	23.3
180	82	Ross	92	97	● ..	4.7	4.9	9.8
88	64	SD-Scicon	78	81	..	0.9	1.1	24.0
155	87	Scantronic	128	133	..	2.3	1.8	22.2
308	172	Scholes Grp	250	260	..	9.1	3.6	17.8
328	182	Sema Gp	255	260	..	2.9	1.1	19.7
137	75	Sibson	127	137	..	3.1	2.3	17.5
38	20	Sound Diffusion	20	23	..	0.1f	0.5	..
336	219½	STC (aa)	310	318	-6	10.3	3.3	13.9
23½	19½	TDK	19½	-	-¼	..	..	..
61	15	Telemetrix	47	49	..	..	..	..
743	533	THORN EMI (aa)	683	687	●-6	31.3	4.5	13.3
415	247	Tunstall	280	300	..	5.3	1.8	14.0
457	332	UEI	447	457	-1	9.7	2.1	18.7
292	184	Unitech	252	258	●-3	12.9	5.1	13.0
230	140	Utd Scientific	204	208	●-1	9.7	4.7	21.9
423	236	VG Instruments	285	298	..	6.5	2.2	8.7
439	325	Volex	420	440	..	18.7	4.3	15.2
122	78	Western Selection	78	83	● ..	4.9	6.0	7.4
508	380	Wholesale Fittings	460	470	+2	17.9	3.8	14.8

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	83	AC Hldgs	75	80	..	1.1	1.4	15.2
273	192	Abingworth	268	273	..	1.7	0.6	..
106	43	Aitken Hume	60	65	-2	1.3e	2.1	94.0
87	68	Ass Henriques	81	85	..	3.3	4.0	34.0
410	184	Authority Inv	230	240	..	9.0	3.8	12.2
195	130	Berkeley Govett	165	175	● ..	..	..	..
303	197	Br Commonwith (aa)	234	236	-1	11.3	4.8	10.0
139	79½	Burns-Anderson	105	118	+1	5.5	5.1	14.0
22	18½	Camellia	19½	20½	..	24.0	1.2	42.5
333	280	Candover	320	333	..	12.7	2.4	73.0
190	75	Continental	78	88	..	..	..	18.2
720	474	Daily Mail Tst 'A'	724	728	+19	18.7	2.6	18.0
110	43	Dominion Int	91	94	●+7	7.5	8.1	8.0
465	385	Harvey&Thompson	408	418	● ..	17.3	4.2	14.5
108	64	IFICO	73	83	..	5.31	6.8	11.2
145	111	Ivory & Sime	138	141	+1	7.7	5.5	18.7
175	115½	LIT	118	120	●-1	10.0	8.4	12.9
180	194	Majedie	234	239	..	8.7	3.7	35.3
180	98	Nat Home Loans	108	118	..	9.4	8.3	10.2
73	53	Newmarket	61	64	..	..	..	..
200	38	Parrish Plc	73	85	..	..	..	..
141	75½	RB Cap Prime	118	122	-2	1.2	1.2	..
185	85	Silvermines Plc	118	122	+2	..	..	..
92	62	Singer & Friedl	73½	74	..	2.0	2.7	24.3
14½	915	Sotheby's	13½	14	+¼	..	..	..
183	105	Templeton Gbth	160	165	..	4.3	2.6	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
18½	11½	American Express	17½	..	+½	..	..	..
100	84	Argyle	104	107	● ..	3.2	3.0	26.9
120	65	Britannia Arrow	115	118	..	7.3	6.2	8.7
264½	182½	Electra	258	260	+½	10.4	2.5	67.1
230	215	Frost Gp	228	232	..	10.7	4.6	18.5
190	139	GT Management	179	183	..	6.7	3.7	9.1
135	112	Goode Durrant	112	117	●-1	4.3	3.7	7.8
810	620	Henderson Admin	770	800	-5	35.0	4.6	12.8
198	80	INT	78	82	-2	10.0	12.5	7.8
117	81	MAT	92	91	-4	8.7	9.3	8.8
480	280	MIM	430	440	..	16.7	3.8	11.2
459	289	M & G	325	330	..	11.3	3.4	18.3
45	34	Rolland	37	39	..	0.5	1.3	22.9
159	131	Smith New Court	148	153	+1	6.4	4.3	12.8
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	135	139	-2	7.3	5.3	13.3

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
357	272	AB Food (aa)	351	353	●-2	11.5	3.3	11.7
153	126	ASDA Group (aa)	142	143	●-3½	5.8	4.1	11.4
62	25	Alpine Group	40	43	-1	..	..	..
185	120	Appleton Hldgs	145	153	● ..	5.0	3.4	20.7
212	169	Argyll (aa)	181	183	-3	7.5	4.1	13.9
91	35	Ashley Group	74	76	-1	..	..	70.1
190	151	Assoc Fisheries	172	177	..	8.7	3.8	17.4
227	167	Banks (Sidney C)	177	187	..	9.3	5.1	8.0
743	543	Barr (AG)	685	690	●+7	17.3	2.6	17.8
573	196	Bassett Foods	562	575	+3	10.8	1.9	29.5
111	80	Batleys	103	108	● ..	3.2	3.0	15.2
205	140	Bejam	187	191	..	7.0	3.7	15.3
171	110	Berisford Intl (aa)	157	160	● ..	8.3	5.2	11.8
446	348	Booker	433	438	+1	22.1	5.1	15.1
74	42	Borthwick	47	49	-1	1.3	2.7	..
243	163	Brake Bros	238	243	-1	3.9	1.6	21.4
153	102	Burgen	120	122	..	5.3	4.4	12.0
429	231	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	353	358	-3	11.1	3.1	18.6
257	158	Carrs Milling	183	193	-3	10.0	5.3	9.1
275	178	Clifford Foods 'A'	233	260	+2	12.1	4.7	12.6
56	51	Cullens	50	55	..	..	..	..
371	272	Dalgety (aa)	355	358	-8	20.7	5.8	13.3
117	68	Dartlett C	65	76	-3	4.3	6.3	14.2
82	39	England (J)	50	55	-2	..	..	..
131	78	FII Fyffes	120	125	● ..	..	..	..
118	81	Fisher (A)	95	98	..	3.0	3.1	14.7
288	244	Fitch Lovell	269	273	●-2	16.0	5.9	13.0
212	144	Glenlossy Carp (aa)	168	169	●+½	12.0	7.1	11.1
288	218	Goosd	265	270	+1	5.8	2.2	21.5
258	208	Hazlewood Foods	251	254	+5	4.0	1.6	18.4
287	226	Hillsdown (aa)	273	275	-1	6.7	2.4	13.3
186	135	Hunter Saphir	168	173	..	5.4	3.2	15.1
373	260	Iceland Frozen	322	325	+1	8.1	1.9	18.8
428	308	Kwik Save	412	415	..	10.4	2.5	17.7
115	82	Lees (John J)	108	118	..	2.7	2.4	18.6
210	123	Lovell (GF)	208	228	..	2.7	1.3	..
277	185	Low (Wm)	273	277	s ..	7.6	2.8	15.8
98	68½	Matthews (Bernard)	84	86	+½	2.8	3.3	11.9
388	293	Meat Trade Supp	355	370	..	4.9	1.3	..
284	223	Morrison (W)	281	284	..	2.7	1.0	16.9
285	230	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	243	253	..	10.8	4.4	13.7
69½	45	Normans	61½	63	●+1	2.8	4.5	17.8
319	243	Nthn Foods (aa)	281	283	●-1	14.0	4.8	11.8
200	121	Nurdin & Peacock	190	194	..	6.1	3.2	17.3
247	183	Park Foods	180	186	●+2	7.4	4.0	13.4
107	68	Pennington	56	61	..	0.3	0.5	..
480	303	RHM (aa)	382	394	-5	14.2	3.7	12.3
250	187	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	232	234	-2	5.9	2.5	18.1
175	130	Salvesen (Chris)	159	161	-1	5.7	3.6	15.5
250	185	Tate & Lyle	235	240	-2	9.8	4.1	2.8
103	81	Tavener	87	92	+4	1.7	1.9	11.4
172	127	Tesco (aa)	155	157	-1	4.0	2.6	15.1
158	125	Thorntons	154	158	+7	2.8	1.8	21.5
371	253	Unigate (aa)	345	348	-4	17.3	5.0	13.9
285	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	328	331	-3	15.3	4.6	14.1
230	187	Watson & Philip	218	225	● ..	12.5	5.6	15.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
292	188	Friendly Hotels	282	288	r ..	3.8b	1.3	18.8
543	322	Ladbroke (aa)	525	528	-4	19.7	3.7	18.0
38½	24	Marlofy Cap Gp	33½	34½	..	0.6	1.8	27.0
173	108	Mount Charlotte	165	168	+1	2.7	1.6	20.8
121	82	Queens Moat	120	122	+1	2.8	2.3	21.5
20	14	Resort Hotels	17½	18	● ..	0.3	1.6	13.6
11½	733	Savoy Hotels 'A'	860	880	+12	6.7	0.8	26.7
114	81	Stakis	102	104	-1½	2.6	2.5	15.4
292	211	Trusthouse Fr (aa)	282	284	●-3½	11.2	4.0	12.9

INDUSTRIALS A-D

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
303	82	AAF Inv	193	203	..	7.2	3.6	12.6
395	245½	AAH	394	397	●+6	14.2	3.6	14.0
148	91	ADT (aa)	136	137	+½	..	..	..
375	188	AIM	320	330	● ..	10.3	3.2	14.9
395	216	AMI Health	337	341	+4	8.8	2.6	26.8
73	44	APG	72	74	..	2.3	3.2	17.5
158	108	APV	149	151	..	5.8	3.9	16.2
227	153	ASW	219	221	+1	13.3	6.0	12.0
138	104	Aaronson	118	121	+1	7.7	6.4	9.9
185	133	Adwest	169	172	..	7.8	4.6	11.8
100	77	Aerospace Eng	85	90	● ..	4.2	4.8	15.8
165	142	Alexandra W'asser	183	187	..	4.6	2.5	18.5
350	210	Alumasc	270	280	+2	10.2	3.7	14.0
395	295	Amber Ind	375	415	..	15.3	3.9	14.3
88	34	Ampol	63½	65	-½	1.3	2.0	15.0
913	625	Ash & Lacy	805	820	+5	44.0	5.4	12.3
7	3½	Ass Br Eng	5½	5½	..	..	..	17.7
100	50	Avdel	98	100	..	2.1	2.1	23.9
392	276	Avel Europe	361	384	-4	12.3	3.2	17.0
749	580	Avon Rubber	631	638	+11	18.7	2.9	9.9
293	30	Ayrshire Metal	288	298	..	11.3b	3.9	22.1
319	295	BAA (aa)	304	308	+2	10.3	3.4	13.9
215	139	BBA	195	198	+1	4.3	2.2	12.2
274	216	BET Ord (aa)	259	262	-1	14.0	5.4	13.4
423	350	BM Gp	405	420	..	4.0	1.0	17.1
514	365	BOC (aa)	489	492	-6	18.9	3.8	12.4
79	64½	BPB Group	71½	72½	-½	2.8	3.9	11.9
439	303	BSG Group	435	442	+1	17.3	3.9	12.6
385	238	BTR (aa)	336	337	-8½	14.4	4.3	18.4
236	142	BWD	235	238	-1	6.0	2.5	13.2
26	13½	Bailey (CH)	13½	14½	..	..	..	..
277	196	Baird (Wm)	247	249	-1	9.1	3.7	11.7
58	31	Bardsey	48	49	-1	0.3	0.6	15.6
473	43	Barlow Rand	430	445	..	..	..	..
267	139	Barrett (H)	202	210	+2	4.5	2.2	15.1
755	595	Barton Transport	570	620	..	32.0	5.4	..
45	21½	Baynes (Charles)	28	29	..	..	..	..
12½	7	Bear Brand	10½	11½	..	..	..	73.3
225	85	Beaufort	210	220	+5	5.6	2.6	18.7
221½	159½	Beazer PLC (aa)	205	207	-1	8.5	4.1	8.5
598	440	Beecham (aa)	589	572	+6	20.0	3.5	17.3
71	29	Benlox	58	60	..	0.2	0.3	..
317	170	Benzak	285	292	●+2	7.0	2.4	18.1
74	39	Bestwood	53	56	..	0.7	1.3	..
229	158	Bibby (J)	163	170	-5	11.3	6.8	8.3
186	118	Billam (J)	132	135	..	5.4	4.3	..
202	150	Birmingham Mint	185	190	..	10.3	5.5	9.5
160	80	Black Arrow	115	125	..	4.0	3.3	13.2
184	131	Black (Peter)	178	184	-2	2.5	1.4	18.4
61	41½	Blackwood Hodge	54	55	-½	1.7	3.1	10.0
149	81½	Blue Arrow (aa)	91	92	● ..	2.4	2.6	13.5
318	220	Bodycote	310	318	..	7.7	2.5	15.1
285	194½	Boots (aa)	260	262	-1	12.3	4.7	14.4
132	80	Booth Inds	105	112	..	2.1	1.9	18.2
487	352	Bowater	477	480	-2	19.0	4.0	16.1
28½	13½	Bowater Inc	16½	16½	+¼	..	..	..
305	230	Braithwaite	287	292	● ..	6.0	2.1	12.4
71	48	Brammer	68	72	●+1	1.6	2.3	17.8
272	216	Bridgend Gp	265	268	+1	16.7	6.3	15.2
58	37	Bridon	56	58	..	0.6	1.1	28.9
291	132	Brit Ind	201	208	-1	8.7	4.3	22.9
325	173	Brixport-Country	202	207	..	9.3	4.5	36.0
40	28	Brierley Inv	33	-	-1	..	..	..
204	139	Br Airways (aa)	192	194	-2½	9.5	4.9	8.5
395	275	Br Bldg & Eng App	300	350	..	5.3	1.6	17.5
80½	65	Br Steel (n/p) (aa)	76½	77½	-½	10.0	13.0	3.0
170	128	Br Syphon	154	157	..	6.2b	4.0	14.4
277	183	Br Vita	250	253	+1	7.2	2.9	15.1
407	264	Broken Hill	324	329	-11	..	..	..
193	100	Bromsgrove Inds	123	126	+6	3.3	2.6	12.9
43	23	Brooke Tool	33	34	-½	2.4	7.2	9.1
212	161	Brown & Tawse	209	214	●+1	11.3	5.3	12.9
512	413	Bullough	485	498	● ..	22.7	4.6	11.0
155	118	CH Ind	143	148	● ..	5.4	3.7	9.5
237	131	Camford Eng	229	232	-1	6.7	2.9	16.1
319	230	Cannon St	293	297	-2	10.7	3.6	13.7
62½	36	Caparo Ind	61	62½	..	1.1	1.8	..
177	128	Cape Ind	168	171	-1	8.0a	4.7	10.9
24	7	Cauldon	13	11	..	..	..	21.9
177	142	Carlo Eng	150	154	● ..	6.6	4.3	11.4
216	132	Castings	212	219	..	7.1	3.3	12.6
75	21	Cerebos	72	75	..	1.3	1.8	..
11	5½	Central & Sheer	7½	8½	..	..	..	..
200	118	Chamberlin Ph	187	190	-7	7.6	4.0	18.4
240	128	Chamberlin & Hill	222	232	..	8.7	3.8	9.3
499	293	Charter Cons	475	478	-4	20.0	4.2	13.7
25	12	Chartered	22½	23	-2	0.9	4.0	7.8
678	540	Chemring	653	668	..	29.7	4.3	9.5
76	43	Christy Hunt	70	80	..	2.2	2.9	14.5
166	100	Claybridge	162	170	..	5.0	3.0	16.6
281	134	Clayton Son	215	225	..	12.3	5.5	8.2
14½	485	Coates (A)	925	975	..	21.9	2.3	18.4
242	132	Coloroll Gp	170	172	-1½	9.3	5.4	8.5
263	200	Concentric	250	255	+1	10.4	4.0	13.5
85	58	Conrad Hlgs	63	68	-1	3.3	5.0	13.5
118	86	Corr Stationery	103	108	+1	4.2	4.0	14.5
246	95	Cook (Wm)	240	247	..	8.7	3.6	20.7
338	235	Cookson (aa)	307	309	-8	8.7	2.8	13.0
188	132	Cornwall Parker 'A'	173	183	..	6.4	3.6	11.4
240	132	Cosalt	234	238	..	9.3	3.9	12.6
238	180	Courtney Pope	225	235	● ..	10.7	4.7	12.5
71	43	Cowan De Groot	60	63	..	2.7	4.4	..
118	88	Crosta	93½	95½	-½	1.7	1.8	17.2
118	50	DSC	56	63	..	1.0	1.7	33.0
22½	17½	Dana	22½	-	+½	..	..	..
131	78	Davies & Met 'A'	128	133	+1	3.2	2.4	13.5
785	390	Davies & Newman	770	800	+30	7.5	1.0	8.9
190	135	Davis (Godfrey)	173	176	+2	8.4	4.8	12.9
218	122	Davy	207	209	..	9.0	4.3	26.5
485	362	De La Rue	371	377	-2	17.7	4.7	12.7
328	242½	Delta	310	313	..	12.7	4.1	11.2
259	219	Desoutter	355	322	..	12.5	4.2	9.9
29½	20	Dewhurst Heat	23	26	r -1	0.8b	3.2	23.6
241	180	Diploma	221	225	+1	10.0	4.5	10.8
122	87	Dobson Park	99½	100	●-2	7.3	7.3	9.2
145	63	Doctus	140	150	● ..	2.7	1.9	14.0
109	81	Do 'A'	86	83	● ..	6.0	6.8	9.6

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
329	256	EIS	325	332	+2	11.5	3.5	15.4
318	268½	Eastern Prod	298	303	..	13.3	4.4	8.1
20½	9½	Eagle Trust	15½	15½	-½	0.6	3.9	15.4
305	170	Eclipse	290	300	..	12.7	4.3	12.1
58	45	Elbief	50	55	●-2	2.4	4.5	23.2
219	114	Elsco	188	163	r ..	6.6	3.5	19.7
28	17½	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	27½	-	-½	..	..	..
104	78	Elliott (B)	102	105	..	4.5	4.3	17.5
28½	13½	Elswick	17½	18½	..	0.6	3.3	12.9
17½	10½	Embart	17½	-	+¼	..	..	..
531½	370	Eng China Clay (aa)	500	503	●-1	23.3	4.6	11.9
36½	14½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	35½	-	+½	..	..	..
340	173	Erskine Hse	222	230	●+5	7.3	3.2	12.5
125	86	Eurocopy	123	126	r ..	1.6	1.3	22.0
813	232	Eurotunnel Uoes	752	757	+5	..	..	..
78	13	Eurotunnel Warrants	71½	72½	..	..	..	..
139	85½	Everad	127	129	-1	4.7	3.7	10.0
212	165	Expamet	183	197	r -1	5.3b	5.0	15.2
181	176	Fairey Group	177	183	..	7.7	4.3	10.6
45	28	Fenner Agric Ind	29	32	+1	2.0	6.5	8.6
188½	151	Fenner (JH)	186	189	..	10.0	5.3	11.7
88	55	Fife Indmar	70	75	+2	4.7	6.4	34.9
290½	227	Fisons (aa)	276	278	-3	5.8	2.1	16.3
146	68	Fitzwilton	108	113	+1	..	..	..
148	100	Flexello C&W	128	133	●+3	6.5	5.0	8.2
125	40	Fobel	54	59	+1	2.2	3.9	4.9
56	39	Folkes Group N/V	52	54	+2	2.1	4.0	10.7
100	56	French (Thomas)	87	92	..	4.0	4.4	14.0
144	109	GEI Intl	125	127	+1	8.1	6.4	14.6
380	253	GKN (aa)	354	357	+1	20.3	5.7	10.5
158	128	GR	140	150	..	2.7	1.9	..
188	128	Garton Eng	185	188	+3	7.0	3.7	13.5
277	187	Gestetner	270	277	●+1	7.3	2.7	7.7
235	182	Glaves	203	213	+1	5.7	2.7	18.8
12½	887	Glaxo (aa)	12½	12½	..	33.3	2.7	16.1
308	237	Glynwed (aa)	336	338	..	11.5	3.4	14.5
295	267	Gordon Russell	285	292	-2	8.5	2.9	15.0
400	205	Goring Kerr	285	310	●-2	20.0	6.6	11.9
311	218	Grampian Hldgs	308	312	..	5.9	1.9	38.6
384	283	Granada (aa)	358	360	● ..	14.9	4.2	12.3
88	41	Halco Precision	44	48	-1	3.1	6.7	12.1
222	180	Haden MacLellan	220	223	+10	4.4	2.0	59.7
448	250	Hall Eng	407	417	..	17.2	4.2	12.7
217	142	Halma	215	219	+2	2.4	1.1	22.9
88	53	Hampson Ind	80	85	● ..	2.4	2.9	11.9
192	45	Hanover	180	-	-12	..	..	..
185	123½	Hanson (aa)	177½	178½	-1½	9.1	5.1	9.8
140	95	Harris (Philip)	115	123	+2	7.3	6.1	12.4
325	152	Havelock Europa	192	202	-3	11.5	5.8	9.9
655	440	Hawker Siddy (aa)	635	638	..	29.2	4.6	13.7
135	78	Hay (Norman)	80	110	r -5	2.4	2.4	18.4
273	205	Hepworth	272	274	+4	13.9	5.1	13.5
371	249	Hestair	268	289	..	8.5	3.2	17.9
180	116	Hewitt (J)	115	120	..	6.7	5.7	8.9
275	178	Highgate & Job	178	198	..	..	..	..
388	285	High-Point	325	340	..	7.7	2.3	12.7
144	84	Holmes Protection	113	117	..	..	..	..
137	83	Hopkinsons	91	94	+1	4.4	4.7	24.2
152	76	Howden	149	151	●+2	5.3	3.5	19.9
418	298	Hunting Assoc	410	425	..	12.0	2.9	8.3
181	133	Hunting Group	174	179	+2	8.3	4.7	9.7
93	63	Hutchsn Whampoa	75	78	..	..	..	..
230	165	IMI (aa)	225	228	-2	9.3	4.1	13.0
130	105	ISA Intl	128	130	..	1.3	0.6	30.0
225	112	Isotron	183	188	+1	2.9	1.5	18.0
318	280	JB Pathology	310	325	+2	7.3	2.3	16.1
152	73	Jacksons Bourne	135	145	+23	2.7	1.9	36.0
132	71	Jardine Math	130	133	+1	..	..	..
580	393	Johnson Cleaners	542	557	+7	26.0	4.7	15.0
350	242	Johnson Matthey	341	344	..	9.3	2.7	12.4
60	36	Johnson & FB	55	58	-½	2.7	4.9	15.5
450	345	Johnston	375	405	..	13.3	3.4	8.0
148	95	Jones & Shipman	132	137	+2	5.5	4.1	13.4
133	85	Jourdan (Thomas)	108	113	+1	6.7	6.0	11.0
55	40	Kalamazoo	40	42	..	2.7	6.6	8.3
40½	31½	Kalon	34	35	..	0.4	1.2	..
455	280	Keep Trust	310	325	..	13.0	4.1	8.2
455	347½	Kelsey Ind	410	430	● ..	15.0	3.6	9.4
650	275	Kershaw (A)	640	650	..	29.7	4.6	27.2
700	280	Kleen-Eze	310	330	● ..	11.3	3.5	17.7

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
175	126	Lep	167	170	-1	5.5	3.3	33.9
276	199	Laird	268	273	-2	10.8	4.0	11.5
83	50	Lawtex	70	72	-1	1.3	1.8	..
170	78	Lee (Arthur)	158	163	● ..	5.7	3.5	13.1
199	109	Lilleshall	193	198	+2	3.3	1.7	23.3
148	116	Linread	143	148	+2	5.3	3.6	17.6
35	25	Locker (T)	28	31	+1	1.9	6.3	11.6
285	183½	Lon Intl	236	238	●-1	8.8	3.7	14.3
284	179	Low & Bonar	262	267	-1	8.5	3.2	10.8
332	172	MB Group (aa)	286	289	..	11.3b	3.9	13.1
152	93	ML Hldgs	124	126	● ..	3.2b	2.6	13.0
133	83	MS Ind	126	131	+1	4.8	3.5	11.8
102	61	MY Holdings	85	105	+2	2.0	2.0	20.2
341	208	Macarthy	253	260	●+2	15.3	6.0	18.0
286	155	Macfarlane	203	208	..	5.1	2.5	19.0
369	264	McKechnie	333	337	+1	17.7	5.3	11.5
148	101	McLeod Russel	130	135	-2	6.0	4.5	18.6
158	115	Magnolia	143	153	..	6.1	4.1	12.1
21	700	Manchester Ship	20	21	..	..	..	..
269	184	Manganese Bronze	250	255	..	8.0	3.2	11.3
210	115	Marling	208	212	+5	4.7	2.2	15.0
95	55	Maybom	80	84	..	4.8	5.9	10.1
116	65	Meggitt	105	108	..	3.2	3.0	12.7
220	150	Metal Closures	200	203	..	10.1	5.0	26.2
93	60	Metalrax	88	92	..	3.8	4.2	13.8
58	34	Michael Page	45	47	..	0.7	1.5	..
35	17½	Mining & Aid	20½	22	r -½	..	..	..
251	212	Molins	223	227	..	12.8	5.7	10.0
250	150	Monotype	160	170	..	7.1	4.3	7.8
288	215	Morgan Crucible	279	282	+1	13.7	4.9	12.6
157	95	NMC Group	137	145	..	3.5	2.5	14.0
165	88	Nash Ind	132	142	-1	4.0	2.9	11.3
68	38	Neepsend	58	61	●-1	1.8	3.2	13.9
343	172	Neill (J)	232	239	..	10.8	4.6	8.6
127	78	Nestor-BNA	123	128	..	2.5	2.0	25.4
108	65	Noble & Lund	102	105	-2	2.7	2.6	10.8
263	178	Nobo Gp	248	258	●-4	7.8	3.0	15.1
431	280	Norcros	333	337	..	20.5	6.1	10.1
443	255	Nu-Swift	440	445	..	18.7	4.2	15.8
162	105	Office Elect Mach	122	132	..	..	..	..
147	105	Ofrex & Med	133	143	●+1	6.3	4.6	13.7
383	259	Parkfield	316	320	●-1	10.7	3.4	18.6
142	65	Pentland Ind	81	85	..	1.3	1.6	8.2
127	63	Pergamon	70	75	..	6.0	8.2	10.2
455	305	Photo-Me	420	440	+5	4.0	0.9	22.1
256	187½	Pilkington (aa)	242	244	● ..	11.6	4.8	9.0
151	112	Polypipe	134	141	+3	2.8	2.0	17.5
300	225	Portals	273	280	..	12.5	4.5	12.4
103	61	Porter Chadburn	99	101	..	1.9	1.9	23.7
431	320	Powell Duffryn	392	397	-2	25.7	6.5	13.9
132	82	Powerscreen	98	102	..	4.9	4.9	8.6
150	112	Prestwick Hldgs	121	125	..	1.7	1.4	13.1
288	215	Pritchard Alexander	268	272	..	5.3	2.0	21.2
285	148	Radiant Metal	235	260	..	4.0	1.6	19.3
938	592	Rank Org (aa)	900	904	-8	35.0	3.9	12.4
480	250	Ransome Sims	425	433	..	11.8	2.7	19.9
177	75	Ratcliffe (St Bridge)	170	180	..	1.7	1.0	78.6
378	198	Rechem	375	380	..	6.0	1.6	33.6
10½	770	Reckitt Colman (aa)	10½	10½	-½	30.7	3.0	15.3
227	95	Reed Executive	115	120	-3	2.8	2.4	9.4
255	168	Relyon	225	232	+2	7.1	3.1	13.9
233	142	Renishaw	208	213	+1	3.5	1.7	14.1
84	51	Renold	82	83½	..	2.4	2.9	25.6
843	439	Reuters (aa)	636	640	+23½	12.0	1.9	19.9
82	38	Rexmore	71	74	+1	2.6	3.6	10.5
145	105	Ricardo Eng	137	140	+1	4.3	3.1	33.8
300	98	Richard (Leics)	137	147	-3	..	..	..
75	45	Richardson West	63	66	-1	2.4	3.7	..
155	83	Robertson	114	118	+1	4.7	4.1	14.2
486	369	Robinson (Thomas)	475	478	-1	13.3b	2.8	11.8
77	55	Rockware	71	73	..	2.8	3.8	11.0
142	105	Ropner	133	137	..	9.3	6.9	33.3
142	102	Do 'A'	119	122	..	9.3	7.7	29.9
204	134	Rotork	181	184	..	9.5	5.8	13.2
80	55	Russell (A)	74	79	..	2.6	3.4	24.1

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
66	23	SI	30	33	+1	..	..	..
42½	21½	SKF 'B'	40	-	+¼	..	..	..
238	190	Sale Tilney	232	238	+1	14.0	6.0	22.7
58	38	Smalle Gordon (J)	51	53	● ..	2.2	4.2	14.6
286	208	Scapa	283	286	+3	10.6	3.6	12.0
203	150	Scot Heritable	180	184	-1	7.3b	4.0	15.4
275	142	Scott & Robertson	270	280	..	5.6	2.0	18.6
590	285	Securicor	575	605	..	1.7	0.3	55.1
537	210	Do 'A'	532	542	..	1.7	0.3	50.2
231	163	Securiguard	220	227	..	8.7	3.9	11.2
485	265	Security Serv	480	490	..	3.3	0.7	50.6
68½	47	Senior Eng	67½	69	+1	3.1	4.5	14.7
149	75	Shiloh	94	98	..	4.8	5.0	6.0
153	102	Siebe	135	140	..	9.3	6.7	8.5
484	300	Siebe (aa)	458	463	●+3	12.6	2.7	10.6
170	113	Silentnight	159	164	+2	7.7	4.8	14.0
353	230	Simon Eng	337	341	-3	16.4	4.8	14.3
292	225	Sinclair (Wm)	245	255	..	5.7	2.3	22.8
130	101	Six Hundred	123	125	..	7.9	6.4	10.9
472	343	Sketchley	452	462	-6	26.0	5.7	17.1
151	106½	Smith & Neph (aa)	131½	132½	-1½	4.7	3.6	17.0
332	220	Smiths Ind (aa)	311	314	..	10.0	3.2	14.9
289	210	Spear (JW)	228	238	..	8.0	3.4	34.6
238	168	Spirax-Sarco	222	226	-1	9.2	4.1	13.7
21½	8½	Spong Hldgs	12	12½	..	0.5	4.1	10.0
221	157	Spring Ram	199	204	..	0.8	0.4	17.9
155	138	Stag Furniture	142	147	..	9.0	6.2	13.1
150	110	Star Comp	125	135	..	2.0	1.5	16.0
197	140	Staveley	182	186	-1	7.9	4.3	12.5
175	145	Sterling Ind	164	174	●+1	4.7	2.8	33.0
71	52	Stoneham	69	73	..	..	..	..
20	10½	Stornguard	19½	20½	+½	..	..	..
81	37	Sumner Int	46	50	+1	..	..	..
249	169	Suter	198	201	-1	7.3	3.7	18.3
165	112	Swire Pacific 'A'	151	155	..	..	..	..
48	25	Sycamore	33	38	-2	..	..	..
330	290	Syltone	305	325	..	15.3	4.9	12.1
221	155	T & N (aa)	205	207	-4	11.8	5.7	8.7
480½	288	TI	459	442	..	15.0	3.4	15.7
185	139	TNT	158	162	-3	..	..	..
319	135	Tace	213	228	●-2	14.7	6.7	13.1
132½	89½	Takeda Chem	110½	..	-3	..	..	..
33	17½	Talbar	24	25½	..	..	..	20.3
205	135	Tellos	197	202	..	8.0	4.0	64.3
195	108	Tex Hldgs	175	185	-1	10.3	5.7	12.5
350	260	Third Mile	255	265	..	4.5	1.7	26.7
108	50	Thomson T-Line	87	90	..	2.7	3.0	18.7
42	42	Tollgate Hldgs	42	-	..	..	..	..
259	184	Tomkins	244	247	..	6.9	2.8	11.2
347½	263½	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	339	341	+1	21.3	6.3	9.8
225	150	Transcontinental	200	210	..	12.8	6.2	16.7
290	205	Transport Dev	280	283	-1	12.3	4.7	14.2
128	91	Triplex	125	130	..	6.0	4.7	24.3
204	148	Triplex Lloyd	193	198	● ..	6.7	3.4	12.2
415	310	Undem	350	380	..	..	..	..
173	42	Unigroup	48	51	..	..	..	..
556	433	Unilever (aa)	548	551	+1	16.6	3.0	13.6
46	27½	Unilever (NV)	35½	-	+½	..	..	..
28	15	Utd Guarantee	18½	20	-½	..	..	..
558	375	VSEL	476	485	●-7	13.3	2.8	10.4
33	17	Verson	28½	28	+½	0.5	1.8	39.3
194	145	Vickers	188	190	..	9.2	4.9	11.9
205	147	Vinten	182	192	●-1	5.6	3.0	17.4
112½	72½	Volkswagen	96½	..	-½	..	..	..
238	166	Vosper Thornycroft	228	233	-2	7.3	3.2	12.5
208	141	Wade Potteries	152	159	..	6.7	4.3	9.6
357	269	Wagon Ind	352	360	●+1	17.0	4.8	12.8
128	75	Walker, Greenbank	77	82	-1	3.7	4.6	8.8
185	153	Warner Howard	180	183	..	4.5	2.4	19.1
116	65	Waterford Glass	69	71	..	..	..	..
284	175	Weir	232	295	+1	7.3	2.5	26.0
559	380	Wellcome (aa)	475	473	-6	4.8	1.0	31.8
50	34	Wellman	47	49	..	..	..	6.2
74	40	Westerry	50	53	+2	3.3	6.3	10.2
76	37	Westmex	61	..	-3	..	..	..
402	307	Whatman Reeve	397	407	+2	5.7	1.4	17.6
148	81	Whessoe	137	142	+1	5.3	3.8	5.6
109	65	Whewey	105	108	●-1	2.8	2.7	12.7
359	243	Whitecroft	311	316	..	16.2	5.2	12.2
257	149	Wilkes (James)	245	252	-3	10.0	4.0	17.9
24½	18	Willard Gp	22	23½	..	0.7	3.0	20.9
318	208	Williams Hldgs (aa)	272	274	-2	13.3	4.9	13.2
130	102	Wills Gp	105	110	..	5.3	4.9	19.1
300	228	Wolseley	280	285	+1	12.0	4.2	9.4
188	140	Wood (Arthur)	150	160	..	4.7	3.0	15.4
178	85	Wood (SW)	173	178	●+1	5.3	3.0	10.5
237	153	Worcester	225	235	-3	3.1	1.3	24.1
383	185	Wyndham Eng	350	365	..	4.7	1.9	12.7
504	245	Yale & Valor	360	365	-6	12.2	3.4	14.9
171	118	Young (H)	154	157	+2	5.9	3.8	10.5

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	226	Abbey Life (aa)	318	321	+2	18.0f	5.6	..
18	850	Alex & Alex	13½	-	-½	..	..	..
608½	350	Allianz Vers	555½	-	..	..	..	..
20½	14½	Am Gen	18½	-	●+½	..	..	..
188	124	Archer (AJ)	145	149	●-1	5.7	3.9	8.4
245	170	Bradstock	225	232	● ..	9.0	3.9	12.9
392	314	Britannic	378	383	..	19.7	5.2	..
407½	298	Com Union (aa)	383	386	-1	22.7	5.9	14.6
225	105	FAI	120	130	-5	..	..	..
10	794	Gen Accident (aa)	980	985	-5	50.7	5.2	..
218	165	GRE (aa)	211	213	-1	11.6	5.5	..
481	364	Heath C E	470	473	-2	34.5	7.3	15.9
158	115	Hibernian	130	143	..	..	..	..
183	134	Hogg Rob & GM	155	158	..	3.3	2.1	..
343	252	Legal & Gen (aa)	316	319	-1	16.3	5.1	..
215	147	Lloyd Thompson	203	210	..	6.7	3.2	15.7
309	238	London & Man	280	284	-2	12.3	4.4	..
210	112	Lon Utd Inv	132	135	+1	10.7	8.0	15.3
35	25½	March & McLen	103½	-	●+¼	..	..	..
223	118	PWS	115	120	-10	14.0	11.9	4.9
547	375	Pearl (aa)	420	423	-4	18.0	4.3	..
185½	142½	Prudential (aa)	167	168	-1½	9.6	5.7	..
438	398	Refuge	473	478	-2	25.0	5.3	25.3
451	358	Royal (aa)	423	425	-3	27.3	6.4	..
279	198	Sedgwick (aa)	257	260	-2	16.0	6.2	16.6
232	152	Steel Burrill	229	235	..	13.3	5.7	14.6
354	215	Sturge Hldgs	255	260	● ..	13.3	5.2	13.2
11½	785	Sun Alliance (aa)	10½	11	..	48.0	4.4	..
12½	848	Sun Life	9½	10	..	46.4	4.7	..
628	355	Trade Indemnity	620	635	..	8.1	1.3	28.8
278	202	Willis Faber (aa)	243	246	..	15.3	6.2	12.6
75	43	Windsor	40	45	-3	.. e	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
265	150	Anglia TV 'A'	258	263	..	10.3	3.9	10.9
340	175	Barr & WA 'A'	297	307	-3	15.3	5.1	15.5
495	170	Boosey & Hawkes	335	425	..	8.0	2.0	31.3
431	268	Brent Walker	335	338	..	12.0	3.6	11.2
339	202	Campari	322	326	-4	9.3	2.9	9.1
855	161	Capital Radio	850	857	..	13.3	2.0	17.6
297	165	Castle Comm	290	300	+2	9.6	3.3	17.9
718	447	Central TV	705	715	+1	30.7	4.3	12.9
142	100	Chrysalis	131	134	● ..	4.6	3.5	..
82½	64	Euro Leisure	80½	81½	+½	..	..	..
196	120	First Leisure	181	184	-1	3.9	2.1	24.3
63	43	Grampian	60	63	..	3.6	5.8	9.6
281	70	HTV Group	112	125	..	5.2	4.2	26.2
190	150	Hectorage Brooks	170	190	..	..	..	48.0
79	49	Juliana's Hldgs	70	73	-1	2.8	4.0	15.2
194	122	LWT Hldgs	184	190	..	7.6	4.1	12.0
118	68	Leisure Inv	106	108	..	2.3	2.1	31.2
110	77	Leisuretime Intl	79	82	r -1	..	..	24.0
218	156	Mecca Leisure	193	195	●+3	4.8	2.5	15.9
127	79	Madrigal	115	120	..	4.9	4.2	12.5
224	126	Midsummer	221	224	..	3.7	1.7	21.4
89	62	Owners Abroad	80	82	+1	2.4	3.0	35.7
260	127	Quadrant Group	234	242	..	4.3	1.8	21.4
610	438½	Really Useful	595	605	-2	20.0	3.3	17.6
265	169	Saga Gp	264	266	●+2	9.6	3.6	15.6
434	342	Scot TV	425	437	+1	23.0	5.3	8.3
282	197	Stanley Leisure	258	265	●+3	5.1	1.9	18.8
382	286	TVS	333	337	●+1	17.7	5.3	8.9
77	61	TSW	75	78	..	4.2	5.5	8.8
449	302	Thames TV	445	453	+2	18.1	4.0	12.2
135	95	Tottenham Hotspur	118	123	..	6.7	5.5	15.1
193	129	TV-AM	189	195	+2	8.7	3.5	12.7
432	254	Tyne Tees TV	413	422	+1	20.0	4.8	10.8
120	64	Ulster TV	116	122	+1	6.3	5.3	9.0
155	77	Wembley	116	119	..	2.1	1.8	..
58	43	Woodington	48	51	..	..	..	..
283	168	Yorkshire TV	278	283	● ..	12.8	4.6	8.1
185	90	Zetters Gp	180	185	●+3	8.0	4.4	16.5

MINING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
46½	36	Am Gold	36½	37½	-½	..	..	..
7½	5½	Ang Amer Coal	7½	7½	..	.. b	..	..
10½	745	Ang Am	9½	10½	..	..	..	..
308	168	Blyvoors	156	186	+2	..	..	..
82	31	Bracken	32	42	..	..	..	..
10½	578	Buffels	729	779	+13	..	..	..
145	40	Butts	41	46	-1	..	..	..
450	287	CRA	376	381	-16	..	..	..
14½	573	Cons Goldfields (aa)	14½	14½	..	42.7	3.0	31.0
714	582	De Beers	691	711	+8	..	..	..
207	108	Deelkraal	127	147	+1	..	..	..
1½	63	Doornfontein	14	17	..	..	..	..
8½	453	Driefontein	489	499	+4	..	..	..
100	63	DRX	63	..	..	..	..	..
3½	119	Durban	139	149	+1	..	..	..
340	185	E Daggs	231	251	+2	..	..	..
339	182	Elandsrand	232	252	..	..	..	..
119	46	Elsburg	36	56	-1	..	..	..
294	146	E Rand Gold	163	183	+2	..	..	..
3½	222	E Rand Prop	237	247	+2	..	..	..
8	387	FS Cons	399	429	+10	..	..	..
294	110	FS Dev	125	140	..	.. e	..	..
10½	693	GFSA	926	965	+4	..	..	..
130	68	Geevor Tin	77	82	..	..	..	..
11	744	Gen Mining	9½	10½	..	..	..	..
88	40	GM Kalgoorlie	47	52	-1	..	..	..
253	77	Greenwich Res	75	80	..	..	..	19.5
112	48	Grootvlei	38	58	-5	..	..	..
4½	308	Harmony	301	321	+2	..	..	..
421	288	Hartes	319	339	+2	..	..	..
5½	433	Kinross	467	497	+4	..	..	..
6½	438	Kloof	438	453	a +7	..	..	..
74	33	Leslie	36	43	+2	..	..	..
1½	77	Libanon	73	93	a -4	..	..	..
213	74	Loraine	58	89	..	..	..	..
106	79	MIM	79	82	-4	..	..	..
811	610	Minorco	743	773	+6	..	..	..
163	69	Nth Broken Hill	110	114	-9	..	..	..
29	10½	Nth Aldgold	13	14	+½	.. e	..	..
15½	9½	Orange Free	10½	10½	..	..	..	..
529	315	RTZ (aa)	510	513	+3	16.7	3.3	14.2
77½	8½	Rand Mines Ltd	11½	12½	..	..	..	..
375	238	Rand Mines Prop	260	285	..	..	..	..
45½	32½	Randfontein	31½	34½	+½	..	..	..
485	235	Renison	350	..	-16	..	..	..
7½	3½	Rustenburg	7	7½	+½	26.0	3.6	53.7
5½	336	St Helena	395	425	+4	..	..	..
22½	13½	Southvaal	16	16½	..	..	..	..
271	156	Stilfontein	168	188	+1	..	..	..
338	148	Unisel	169	189	+1	..	..	..
52½	33½	Vaal Reefs	39½	40½	-½	..	..	..
162	52	Venterspost	27	77	-3	..	..	..
416	252	Welkom	255	275	+1	..	..	..
186	65	Western Areas	50	60	-5	..	..	..
22½	14½	Western Deep	15½	16	+½	..	..	..
315	160	Western Mining	225	229	-5	..	..	..
141	85	Wnkn Creek	100	105	-4	..	..	..
10	675	Winkels	698	748	-8	..	..	..
28	9½	Zambia Copper	22	24	..	..	..	..
104	51	Zandpan	53	-	..	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	315	Appleyard	423	430	..	18.7	4.4	10.8
171	118	Armstrong	142	146	..	4.7	3.3	13.0
600	600	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
621	323	Br Aerospace (aa)	533	537	+5	25.6	4.8	..
578	410	Caffyns	515	525	..	14.4	2.8	12.8
157	102½	Cowie (T)	133	136	..	4.3	3.2	11.0
140	111	Dag Motors	131	126	..	4.8	3.9	9.8
288	185	Dowty	251	253	●-2	8.9	3.9	13.1
488	187	ERF	457	472	r +4	20.0b	4.3	15.3
289	283	FR Group	255	258	..	6.6	2.6	13.3
160	118	Ford Motor	153	-	●+3	..	..	..
288	164	General Motor	232	-	●+2	..	..	..
140	97	Hartwell Plc	139	132	+1	3.9	3.0	16.1
10½	726	Honda Motor	887	-	-8	..	..	..
98	50	Jacks (Wm)	84	88	..	2.4	2.8	17.3
350	236	Jaguar (aa)	303	308	-9	14.0	4.6	9.0
208	133	Jessups	162	172	..	8.3	5.0	8.3
133	100	Kwik-Fit	112	114	+½	2.8	2.5	15.5
148	95	Lancaster	140	147	+7	4.5	3.1	11.1
420	277	Lex	365	371	+2	16.8	4.6	11.2
192	120	Lookers	173	183	+8	7.1	4.0	7.1
680	504	Lucas (aa)	606	608	-4	28.0	4.4	7.6
247	188	Perry Gp	217	220	..	10.7	4.9	10.7
248	130	Plaxton	245	250	..	4.8	1.9	38.9
162	70	Quicks Group	130	135	-2	6.2	4.7	6.9
170½	108	Rolls-Royce (aa)	165	166½	..	7.5	4.5	8.9
50½	26	Tinmoon	45½	48½	..	1.6	3.5	13.0
623	347	Western Motor	617	620	+1	6.7	1.1	10.6
143	75	Westland	141	144	+4	4.7	3.3	46.6

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	66	Accord	75	85	-2	4.5	5.6	8.0
163	65	Adscene	160	165	..	6.4	3.9	18.2
310	235	Barbour Index	280	290	● ..	8.0	2.8	16.9
470	385	Black (A&C)	465	475	..	16.3	3.5	15.2
330	210	Bristol	325	335	+5	12.7	3.8	22.3
93	27½	Burford	50	53	..	0.9	1.7	20.1
888	525	Collins (Wm)	880	885	..	15.7	1.8	22.0
738	426	Collins (Wm) 'A'	727	735	..	15.7	2.1	18.2
59½	25	Daily Mail	56	58	● ..	97.3	1.7	26.1
57	25½	Daily Mail 'A'	54	56	● ..	97.3	1.8	..
259	176	EMAP	245	249	+2	6.0	2.4	20.7
593	338	Haynes Publishing	560	585	..	24.0	4.2	18.0
433	250	Home Counties	425	435	..	11.7	2.7	12.7
144	94	Intl Bus Comms	139	141	-1	5.1	3.6	12.8
545	323	Independent	535	555	+20	..	..	..
785	485	Int Thomson	755	770	..	..	..	..
270	180	Maxwell Comm (aa)	215	218	+1	18.7	8.6	11.5
295	199	News International	273	277	..	5.4	2.0	..
705	620	Pearson (aa)	695	702	-2	22.0	3.1	15.4
345	220	Portsmouth Sund	332	340	..	7.4	2.2	15.7
471	332	Reed Int (aa)	435	432	-3	14.0	3.2	14.3
192	127	Trinity Intl	185	195	..	7.2	3.8	15.6
464	363	Utd Newspapers (aa)	448	452	-4	26.0	5.8	12.6

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
84	49½	Aran Energy	63	65	+1	..	..	66.3
11	4½	Atlantic Resources	8	10	..	..	..	..
38	25	Aus Oil & Gas	29	..	-1	..	..	..
18	6	Awck Pet	8	8½	..	..	..	..
5½	1½	BOM Hldgs	2½	2½	..	..	..	..
540	442	Br Borneo	520	540	..	32.0	6.0	16.4
159	154½	British Gas (aa)	174	175	●-3	11.0	6.3	8.9
235	227	Br Petroleum (aa)	271	272	-3½	17.3	6.4	10.6
177½	126½	Br Petroleum p/p	167	168	-3	17.3	10.3	6.8
592	430	Burmah (aa)	528	530	-3	23.3	4.4	13.1
421	240	Cairn Gp	398	398	-8	22.0	5.5	12.6
76	14	Carless Oil	14	18	..	..	..	..
216	138	Century	180	185	..	8.0	4.4	15.9
136½	88	Clyde Pet	118	118	-½	1.3b	1.1	62.8
703	257	Enterprise (aa)	542	545	+1	13.3	2.4	32.1
154	69	Exp Comp Louisiana	112	115	-2	..	..	..
126	78	Goal Pet	104	106	+1	1.3	1.2	42.3
133	100	Gt Western Res	130	135	●+2	5.0	3.8	..
17½	11½	Hamilton	14½	-	..	..	..	..
200	160	Hunting P S	175	185	..	12.0	6.7	11.6
28	12	KCA Drilling	17	19	+1	..	..	4.7
78	28	Kelt Energy	49	51	+½	..	..	..
591	271	LASMO (aa)	480	481	-½	10.3	2.1	43.0
185	130	Do Units	145	160	-7	31.9	20.8	..
21½	11	Monument	21	21½	+½	..	..	..
27	14½	New London	18	22	..	..	..	..
67	31	Oil Search	30	33	-1	..	..	..
84	41	Petrocon	79	86	+6	..	..	..
2½	1½	Petroz	1½	1½	+¼	..	..	..
91	45	Premier	89	93	-½	..	..	31.4
373	221	Ranger	306	..	-5	..	..	..
34½	33½	Royal Dutch FIS	33½	..	+½	..	..	..
379	316	Shell (aa)	367	368	-½	21.3	5.8	11.8
400	163	Silkolene	390	410	+5	13.3	3.3	12.9
180½	91	Sovereign	174	177	+2	..	..	46.7
17	11	TR Energy	11	12½	..	..	..	..
8	7	Target	5	6	..	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	150	155	..	..	..	40.7
323	169	Ultramar (aa)	291	293	-½	8.9	3.0	29.9
99	44	Woodside	84	88	-6	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
359	205	Antofagasta	355	362	..	16.0	4.5	10.5
54	33	Boustead	53	55	..	0.9	1.7	24.7
153	112	Codrington	138	145	-2	10.3b	7.3	11.2
133	76	Finlay (James)	109	113	..	5.5	5.0	..
737	548	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	727	733	-3	38.7b	5.3	20.4
255	155	Inchcape (aa)	245	248	-2	9.8	4.0	14.7
427	163	Lonrho (aa)	338	342	●-3	17.3	5.1	11.3
71	41	Ocean Wilson	47	52	+2	3.3	6.6	8.3
355	291	Peterson Zoch	317	322	+2	10.4	3.3	15.3
355	291	Do 'A'	317	322	+2	10.4	3.3	15.3
351	231	Polly Peck (aa)	330	333	●-1	9.6b	2.9	6.9
99	52	Sime Darby	92	97	..	..	..	..
113	72	Tozer Kemsley	110	111½	..	3.3	3.0	11.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
271	202	Abbott Mead	266	271	-1	6.3	2.3	14.9
44	26½	Addison Cons	28	30	..	1.9	6.5	6.7
281	238	Assoc Paper	248	253	..	11.7	4.7	11.2
470	275	BPP	400	440	..	8.9	2.4	25.1
181	88	Barker (Charles)	85	90	-2	4.4	5.0	9.6
243	181	Bemrose	239	243	+1	14.0b	5.8	14.6
301	181	Boase Massimi	242	245	+8	12.7b	5.2	12.4
244	142	Brunning	150	160	● ..	5.7	3.7	11.7
191	121	Bunzl (aa)	164	167	+1	7.1	4.3	14.8
847	546	Carlton Comms	843	850	●+16	10.0	1.2	19.6
425	223	Chapman	410	430	..	9.9	2.4	16.2
236	173	Crepper (James)	215	225	..	3.1	1.4	3.9
512	357	DRG	460	465	+2	15.1	3.3	17.3
118	65	Delyn Packaging	85	90	..	1.6	1.8	17.1
336	243	Ferguson Ind	273	278	..	12.8	5.0	12.3
310	199	FKB	305	310	● ..	6.7	2.2	17.3
365	299	Fitch-RS	335	345	..	11.3	3.3	12.1
70	33	Geers Gross	50	55	-2	.. e	..	..
309	227	Gold Greenlees	302	309	●+3	9.2	3.0	14.0
243	153	Goodhead	210	215	● ..	6.3	3.0	11.4
397	210	Hunterprint	245	255	●+1	13.3	5.3	9.2
145	123	Johnson Press	143	148	..	1.3	0.9	15.8
307	210	KLP	250	260	..	8.7	3.4	18.6
98	43	Kelsoin	42	44	..	1.3	3.0	11.3
255	158	Lopex	213	218	-2	7.2	3.3	15.1
414	316	Lowe HS & B	369	372	-1	14.1	3.8	12.4
190	137	ML Research	155	165	+1	5.3	3.3	12.3
339	174	More O'Ferrall	336	341	+9	10.4	3.1	16.7
189	121	Norton Opax	187	190	●+5	6.7	3.5	19.1
18½	12½	Ogilvy & Mather	16½	..	..	..	..	..
190	128	Olive Hldgs	170	180	..	..	..	..
117	85	Paragon Comms	110	115	..	2.7	2.4	12.6
248	178	St Ives Gp	232	237	..	4.0	1.7	16.1
451	308	Saatchi 10p (aa)	408	413	+24	21.3	5.2	8.5
510	410	Shandwick	500	510	..	10.0	2.0	13.2
385	307	Smith David	333	337	● ..	10.2	3.0	10.8
493	305	Smurfit (Jeff)	447	453	+6	..	..	..
224	135	UK Paper	213	217	-1	5.3	2.5	12.4
450	232	Usher Walker	375	390	..	12.3	3.2	13.6
286	134	VPI Gp	194	198	●-1	4.7	2.4	10.8
271	176	WCRS	239	243	..	5.3	2.2	12.9
690	403	WPP	675	680	+15	13.7	2.0	24.5
322	172	Whca	320	323	..	4.3	1.3	23.9
214	177	Waddington (J)	211	214	+1	9.2	4.3	14.3
448	304	Watmough	443	453	..	9.6	2.1	23.6
96	54	Waverley Cam	67	72	●-1	0.4	0.6	..
193	138	Yellowhammer	178	183	..	3.7	2.0	13.4

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
147	89	Allied Lon	143	145	..	3.7	2.6	13.7
209	133	Arlington Secs	181	183	..	6.1	3.4	13.2
195	106	Asda	171	176	-1	1.2	0.7	49.7
132	89	BHH Group	115	117	-1	1.7	1.5	21.4
280	185	Baker Harris	205	215	● ..	9.3	4.4	10.4
506	333	Baton (P)	493	503	..	19.0	3.8	27.5
720	565	Bradford	650	670	..	18.0	2.7	15.2
239	168	Bredero	235	242	..	6.7	2.8	16.1
394	247	Br Land (aa)	346	350	-5	5.6	1.6	19.5
422	218	Brixton	398	402	-3	11.1	2.8	35.6
378	121	Cairo Gp	375	380	+5	5.3	1.4	28.0
423	316	Cap & Counties	364	374	..	12.3	3.3	22.5
430	325	Cardiff Prop	400	410	● ..	2.7	0.6	..
880	553	Chesterfield	850	865	..	20.0	2.3	29.7
191	145	Clerelta	180	185	..	3.7	2.0	16.9
270	170	Clyprove	197	207	+2	6.7	3.3	10.3
210	85	Clarke Nickolls	200	210	..	5.0t	2.4	21.7
297	203	Clayform	285	290	..	11.7	4.1	10.7
390	180	Conrolls	260	265	-1	11.3	4.3	9.9
60	43	Control Secs	58½	59½	+2½	1.0	1.7	13.0
360	265	Cussons	250	260	-5	10.1	3.9	35.9
12	725	Daejan	10½	11	● ..	25.3	2.4	12.1
37½	21½	Dares Estates	33	33½	+½	0.9	2.7	23.3
190	118	Debenham Tewson	157	165	● ..	7.3	4.5	12.7
131	72	De Morgan	97	102	..	4.1	4.1	15.9
222	133	Dencora	205	215	..	4.0	1.9	13.0
690	518	Derwent Hldgs	670	700	-5	7.8	1.1	34.3
78	67	Dunstmaster	73	75	..	1.5	2.0	..
241	143	Egerton Trust	213	219	..	8.7	4.0	8.9
310	160	Estates & Agency	300	320	..	4.0	1.3	48.2
208	128	Estates Gen	195	200	..	4.1	2.1	64.9
212	126	Evans Of Leeds	203	208	..	7.5	3.6	15.6
78	61	Five Oaks	57	60	..	1.7	2.0	8.5
225	155	Fletcher King	185	195	● ..	12.1	6.4	11.5
511½	273	Frogmore	500	503	..	13.3	2.6	10.5
525	325	Granger	435	459	..	5.6	1.3	22.0
403	285	Gt Portland	378	382	-4	11.1	2.9	35.3
486	298	Greycoat	458	462	-1	5.3	1.2	40.4
10½	8½	Halwood Gp	8½	-	+½	..	..	..
116	50	Hanson Countrywd	60	62	-½	3.8	6.2	8.8
8½	582½	Hammerson	882	899	-5	15.3	1.8	37.3
934	494	Do 'A' (aa)	880	897	-5	15.3	1.9	34.6
235	141½	Hanover Druce	165	180	..	8.0	4.6	13.5
750	575	Hardanger	630	670	..	30.0	4.6	10.0
370	168	Helical Bar	307	310	..	5.1	1.7	14.2
165	142	Heming Son	162	167	+7	2.0	1.2	20.1
103	56	Hong Kong Land	75	76	-1	..	..	..
458	340	Ivory March	431	434	+1	11.3	2.6	28.2
320	125	Jermyn	255	265	..	2.2	0.7	..
188	60	Kentish Prop	92	97	+1	5.0	5.3	6.7
553	316	Laing Prop	495	505	-5	12.7	2.5	18.8
610	450	Land Sec (aa)	566	570	-11	17.3	3.0	30.0
555	380	Local Lon	485	495	..	11.3	2.3	15.2
160	109	Lon & Edin Tst	138	140	-1	3.7	2.7	12.9
122	57	Do 6% Cv	108	110	..	8.0	7.3	..
204	137	Lon & Metro	192	195	-1	6.9	3.6	12.2
55	34	Lon Securities	51	53	+½	0.7	1.3	6.8
343	193	Lon Shop	336	340	..	9.5	2.8	24.5
600	434	MEPC (aa)	556	560	-11	19.3	3.5	25.4
212	155	Mcinerney	197	207	-3	..	..	..
205	153	McKay Secs	200	210	● ..	6.7b	3.3	25.5
95	60	Marchwiel	78	79	..	5.3	6.8	12.9
101	47	Marler	95	98	-2	0.8	0.8	28.4
498	285	Merivale Moore	485	500	+5	9.3	1.9	10.8
140	90	Merlin Intl	138	142	+2	5.3	3.8	7.5
135	115	Moorfield Estates	123	128	●-2	4.2	3.3	11.1
191	128	Mountleigh	164	165	●-1½	5.0	3.0	7.3
16	975	Mountview	13½	14½	● ..	12.7	0.9	10.0
258	133	Mucklow (A&J)	255	259	..	9.9	3.9	24.2
120	83	New Cavendish	95	100	..	2.0	2.0	78.0
25	17	Oxsory Est	21	22	..	0.7	3.3	20.7
148	79	Parkdale	102	105	+1	4.0	3.8	8.5
145	98	Pennant Prop	113	120	..	2.6	2.2	..
155	86	Power Corp	147	157	+2	..	..	..
435	280	Prest Marlans	430	433	..	4.4	1.0	..
202	130	Prop Security	200	203	● ..	4.7b	2.3	37.8
24	11	Raglan	13	14½	+½	0.2	1.4	..
217	101	Regalian	132	135	+4	5.3	4.0	8.1
793	465	Rosehaugh	532	540	-1	2.1	0.4	15.5
405	180	Rush & Tompkins	385	395	..	17.7	4.5	12.4
170	114	Scot Met	167	169	..	6.8	4.0	27.0
193	118	Shaftsbury	182	187	+2	1.3	0.7	7.1
91	82	Sheraton Secs	78	80	-1	4.3	5.4	12.8
145	56	Sheid	63	68	● ..	4.0	6.1	10.6
110	74	Sinclair Goldsmith	92	97	-1	4.0	4.2	11.4
362	233	Slough Estates (aa)	325	328	..	10.4	3.2	21.6
194	142	Southend Prop	180	183	..	1.3	0.7	38.9
404	264½	Speyhawk	338	343	..	16.7	4.9	10.0
122	68	Town Centre	118	122	+1	2.0	1.7	39.3
256	127	Trafford Park	225	235	..	6.3	2.7	35.2
838	400	UK Land	725	750	..	14.7	2.0	4.7
74	39	Union Square	44	46	-1	0.7	1.6	16.6
270	183	Warner	250	260	● ..	8.3	3.3	32.8
12	825	Warnford	11½	12½	..	28.0	2.3	35.8
145	85	Warrington	117	125	..	1.3	1.1	74.2
154	85	Waterglade	103	113	..	5.7	5.3	8.0
193	159	Wates	187	189	-½	3.7	2.0	43.6
200	133	West & Country	185	195	+2	12.0	6.3	7.5

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
565	434	Assoc Br Ports	530	535	+3	11.3	2.1	16.1
402	320	Caledonia	393	400	..	10.7	2.7	45.4
188	135	Clarkson (H)	185	190	..	7.3	3.9	18.6
151	71	Fisher (James)	135	140	..	5.1	3.7	21.2
795	140	Graig	160	170	..	6.0	3.6	54.3
88	69	Jacobs (JI)	73	76	..	5.6	7.3	..
551	263	Mersey Docks	533	553	+7	..	..	31.4
360	231	Ocean Transport	272	282	+1	14.3	5.2	10.8
681	501	P & O Dfd (aa)	673	678	-2	31.3	4.6	15.9
152	101	P & O 5.5%	103	108	..	7.3	6.9	..
355	208	Runciman (Walter)	337	342	+1	10.7	3.1	16.1
502	313	Tiphook	498	505	+1	7.8	1.6	16.4
248	106	Turnbull Scott	242	252	-1	7.2	2.9	19.0

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Headlam Sims	73	80	..	1.3	1.7	21.0
270	108	Lambert Howarth	110	120	+2	11.3	9.8	4.2
309	145	Pittard Garnar	207	215	..	7.9	3.7	10.9
265	208	Strong & Fisher	248	253	-2	16.0	6.4	7.7
380	235	Stylo	270	290	..	6.7	2.4	..

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
32	31	Aath	29	32	..	..	..	..
380	300	Allied Text	303	308	●+6	14.1	3.3	11.6
285	225	Beale (John)	245	255	●+2	8.7	3.5	9.5
118	98	Betterman (A)	95	100	..	7.6	7.8	11.4
78	34	Bolton	73	76	+2	..	..	..
231	180	Br Mohair	204	207	+2	10.0	4.9	8.9
385	240	Courtaulds (aa)	293	295	+2	16.2	5.5	7.8
248	185	Dawson	220	223	-1	10.7	4.8	11.1
130	97	Drummond	99	102	..	4.1	4.1	6.3
184	105	Foster (John)	140	145	+2	6.7	4.7	9.3
211	165	Gaskell Broadloom	180	190	..	9.2	5.0	9.1
93	51	Hicking Pentecost	89	92	-1	1.3	1.4	21.0
226	138	Illingworth	143	147	-1	6.0	4.1	10.7
279	170	Jerome (S)	237	242	+1	9.5	4.0	9.8
314	200	Lamont	263	266	..	10.3	3.9	10.1
405	270	Leeds	265	275	..	10.7	4.0	8.7
145	110	Lister	136	139	..	5.3	3.8	8.9
84	68	Lyles (S)	67	71	+1	4.7	6.8	8.2
349	228	Mackay (Hugh)	225	235	..	9.3	4.0	10.9
210	154	Parkland 'A'	155	159	..	7.9	5.0	8.5
78	53	Readicut	67½	68½	r +¼	3.9	5.7	9.9
171	132½	SEET	135	140	-2	7.1	5.1	14.1
126	97	Sirdar	108	111	-1	6.9	6.3	13.7
120	85	Smallshaw (R)	83	93	+3	4.0	4.5	7.7
75	40	Stoddard	54	58	..	3.1	5.5	7.7
212	119½	Tootal Jersey	118	123	● ..	9.3	7.7	5.4
565	412	Tomkinsons	500	515	-8	14.0	2.8	9.4
139½	52	Tootal	130½	131	-½	6.1	4.7	11.9
53	0½	West Trust	27	30	..	..	..	..
250	193	Yorklyde	220	233	..	11.0	4.8	7.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
571	399	BAT (aa)	546	549	-2	24.0	4.4	11.3
150	120	RJ Carroll	133	132	..	..	..	..
519	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	507	509	+1	14.0	2.8	11.9

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	115.1	122.2	+0.1	8.18
High Inc Equity	129.8	138.8	-0.3	4.29
W'wide Bond	184.4	195.5	-0.3	4.96
Amer Growth	158.9	168.8	+1.3	1.31
Asian Pacific	79.72	85.27	+0.68	1.27
Assets/Earns	152.3	162.0	..	2.43
Caps Res	83.12	83.14	-2.45	4.81
Commod/Energy	93.13	99.61	-1.34	0.00
Euro Capd	76.18	81.48	-0.14	0.92
General	169.5	180.8	-1.0	2.49
Japan	107.5	114.3	-0.4	0.00
UK Gth Inc	129.2	138.2	+0.2	2.47
Do Acc	192.8	206.0	+0.4	1.88
US Emerg Cos	47.28	50.30	+0.31	0.00
Income/Gth	279.8	299.1	-1.4	3.18
Mastertst Acc	78.81	83.78	+0.03	1.76
Amer Inc	45.75	48.86	-0.19	5.63
Ethical	48.41	51.49	+0.08	2.43
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070				
Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD Tel: 01-374 8801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	42.49	45.21	+0.49	1.82
Australian	22.0	23.4	-0.3	1.25
Euro	52.29	55.63	+0.45	0.00
Extra Inc	41.94	44.52	-0.09	4.98
Invest	115.3	122.5	+0.5	2.41
Do Acc	175.7	186.7	+0.7	2.41
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.98	23.38	+0.02	10.07
Global Inc	38.87	41.35	+0.23	4.52
Inc Growth	70.98	75.51	-0.19	3.85
Jap & Genrl	180.8	192.1	+0.3	0.01
N Am Inc	26.27	27.88	+0.27	3.97
Spec Sits	69.39	73.82	-0.08	1.01
UK Growth	35.81	38.01	+0.12	2.54
World Gth	44.85	47.61	+0.17	0.46
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	322.8	343.5	-1.8	4.78
Equity Inc	182.8	194.8	-0.5	4.34
High Yield	191.5	203.9	-1.5	4.82
Balanced	452.7	482.1	-3.3	3.22
Am Inc	29.06	30.94	-0.11	4.30
World Ass Val	30.51	32.49	-0.01	0.62
Japan	159.5	169.4	+0.6	0.01
Sec of Am	192.2	204.5	+0.6	0.98
Asset Value	358.7	382.0	-1.1	3.29
O'seas Earn	233.5	248.4	-0.9	2.62
Recov	108.2	115.2	..	2.49
UK Spec Sits	283.8	302.0	-1.5	3.09
Smlr Cos	176.1	187.5	+0.5	2.44
Capit	272.8	290.3	-0.8	2.60
Am Spec Sit	66.84	70.97	+0.11	1.82
Intl	97.47	103.8	-0.08	0.69
Growth/Inc	165.8	176.3	-1.2	3.56
Euro Gth	19.11	20.33	-0.03	1.28
Pacific	245.4	261.3	-2.3	0.28
2nd Smlr Co	183.3	195.2	..	2.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	86.81	92.60	-0.30	3.22
Euro Gth Inc	70.19	74.87	-0.25	0.84
Extra Inc	103.8	110.7	-0.1	4.68
General	187.2	199.7	-0.5	3.14
Gt/Fxd Income	53.23	54.88	+0.03	9.70
Inc Trust	448.3	478.0	-0.5	3.85
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer EVS	60.98	64.70	+0.30	2.10
Australia	61.82	66.36	-3.83	0.00
Convertible	50.12	53.17	+0.02	7.00
East	89.19	95.13	-1.35	1.10
Equity Inc	74.81	79.37	-0.32	6.10
Europe	131.2	139.2	-0.5	0.40
Exmpt	82.14	83.40	..	2.80
Growth/Inc	82.26	87.29	-1.20	2.50
Do Acc	131.0	138.9	-0.8	2.50
Global Gth	63.64	67.52	-0.37	0.00
Jap Spec	165.5	176.5	-0.1	0.00
Jap Sunrise	155.2	165.6	-0.6	0.00
1st Europe	126.6	134.3	-0.8	1.60
1st Jap	115.8	123.8	-0.3	0.40
1st N Am	48.65	49.49	+0.29	1.40
1st Smlr Cos	95.57	101.4	+0.10	1.80
N Am Spec	43.85	45.62	+0.11	1.10
UK Growth	65.19	69.16	-0.30	2.40
Select Man Fd	50.34	53.41	-0.09	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	157.3	168.3	-0.4	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	310.3	336.7	+0.5	0.80
Do Inc	195.4	212.0	+0.2	1.29
High Inc	82.87	88.67	-0.45	5.70
Income	101.3	108.4	-0.3	5.34
Man Portf Inc	90.77	97.12	-0.08	2.64
Do Acc	154.2	165.0	-0.1	2.20
Nth Amer	50.06	53.59	+0.55	0.35
Orient	109.7	117.4	-0.2	0.29
Exmpt	282.9	298.5	-1.2	2.78
Recov	68.34	73.12	+0.10	3.80
German	24.50	26.12	-0.23	1.60
Intl Recov	26.42	28.27	-0.05	0.80
Europe	16.20	17.33	-0.07	3.80
Conv Genrl	24.10	25.79	+0.03	6.69
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 07 623 2343				
Emer Gth Inc	64.70	68.42	+0.18	1.98
Do Acc	83.63	89.40	+0.25	1.98
Fellowship Inc	64.11	67.60	-0.02	1.79
Genrl Inc 4	295.7	312.7	-1.8	2.37
Do Acc 4	491.8	520.2	-2.6	2.37
Inc Fund 3	159.5	169.1	-0.7	3.84
Do Acc 3	299.1	317.3	-1.5	3.84
Intl Inc 2	112.8	119.4	..	2.89
Do Acc 2	150.0	161.8	..	2.89
Smlr Inc 5	106.8	113.4	+0.1	1.20
Do Acc	118.9	126.2	+0.1	1.20
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Brit Gt Fxd Int	53.01	53.79	+0.01	1.35
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	36.61	38.95	-0.40	2.60
Income	45.88	49.07	-0.01	4.20
Far East	33.22	35.34	-0.16	0.18
Nth Amer	28.69	30.98	-0.04	0.67
Global	48.68	51.79	+0.13	0.66
European	46.08	49.03	-0.35	1.09
Japan	95.52	104.3	-1.46	0.01
Strategic Opp	58.29	60.21	-1.57	1.23
Do Acc	51.26	54.48	..	4.90
Intl Currency	43.17	45.86	-0.14	6.00
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel Enquiries: 01-236 3653 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	63.88	67.94	+0.72	1.77
Do Acc	66.02	70.23	+0.74	1.77

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European	40.43	43.39	+0.04	1.29
Do Acc	47.01	50.01	+0.03	1.29
F East/Gen	83.37	87.42	+0.12	0.00
Do Acc	83.37	87.42	+0.12	0.00
Glenlivet	241.9	258.7	+0.5	1.29
Do Acc	249.2	265.1	+0.6	1.29
Growth	244.0	260.5	-1.7	2.23
Do Acc	373.1	398.9	-2.5	2.23
High Yield	307.5	327.1	-2.9	3.91
Do Acc	342.8	364.7	-3.0	3.91
Master Portf	173.57	178.64	-0.13	2.82
Do Acc	177.81	180.82	-0.14	2.82
Spec Sits	60.61	64.48	-0.08	2.22
Do Acc	63.74	67.81	-0.08	2.22
Trustee	182.3	193.9	-1.5	3.42
Do Acc	305.2	324.7	-2.6	3.42
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0660 01-629 6362				
Capit	447.7	477.8	-2.4	2.84
Euro S 3	54.68	58.33	+0.04	2.24
Far East S 5	56.30	60.18	-0.15	1.37
Gold Gen S 3	58.85	62.80	+0.12	1.88
Income	384.1	409.9	-1.3	4.73
Intl Sp Sits	63.6	67.2	+0.2	2.55
Amer Index	108.1	114.38	+1.5	1.75
N Amer	254.8	271.9	+2.8	2.10
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
14 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Portf	52.98	56.65	+0.08	3.60
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	492.95			4.71
Fixed Int	143.75			9.95
Deposit	100.0			12.45
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	489.11	●	..	4.97
Acc	£15.0047	●	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	12.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-726 7708				
Man Retmnt	23.22	24.57	-0.19	..
SC Spec Sits	70.05	74.13	..	0.00
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
8, Tramp Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-726 3571				
Euro Gth	58.80	60.69	-0.49	3.15
1992 Euro Spc	42.69	45.56	-0.22	1.64
Intl Inc	48.77	51.78	-0.12	5.46
NAm Gth	45.15	48.03	-0.36	2.12
Pacific Gth	59.68	62.57	-0.70	2.35
UK Gth Acc	78.25	81.60	-0.08	3.16
Do Dist	72.59	77.85	-0.08	3.16
UK Income	61.94	65.35	-0.34	7.12
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	19.89	21.16	+0.21	0.64
Atlas Gth	23.40	24.90	+0.03	0.24
Dragon Gth	27.07	29.30	-0.19	0.66
Equity Hi Inc	82.28	88.21	-0.24	4.43
Do Acc	64.43	67.47	-0.25	4.42
Euro Growth	27.78	29.53	+0.05	0.79
Genrl Equity	51.73	54.80	-0.23	2.57
G/F Intrm Gth	34.26	35.58	+0.12	7.76
Gt/Fxd Income	25.03	26.28	+0.10	6.82
Intl Inc	22.98	24.45	+0.04	5.27
Jap Growth	52.96	58.34	-0.19	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.39	32.30	-0.14	2.18
Spec Sits	38.88	41.34	-0.02	1.95
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK/Gen Inc	60.19	64.03	-0.24	2.34
Do Acc	63.45	67.50	-0.19	2.34
Intl	60.96	64.84	-0.21	3.27
Do Acc	65.35	69.52	-0.22	3.27
W'wide Inc	48.42	51.79	+0.15	0.77
Do Acc	48.32	52.75	+0.15	0.77
Gamma Inc	37.99	40.41	-0.02	1.02
Do Acc	38.63	41.10	-0.01	1.02
Am Gth	53.85	57.29	+0.75	1.03
Euro Gth	58.24	61.96	+0.02	1.06
Far East	72.68	77.32	+0.10	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Int	48.37	51.00	+0.17	7.37
World Bond	47.83	50.81	+0.08	8.39
Private Inv Pt	50.26	53.43	+0.01	4.90
Profess Inv Pt	53.27	56.67	-0.19	3.02
Progress Inv Pt	51.84	55.15	-0.11	3.86
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	112.1	119.9	+0.9	0.50
Canadian Gth	22.95	24.55	-0.08	0.80
Euro	105.3	112.7	-0.2	2.14
Gth Trust	255.0	218.6	-2.2	2.79
High Inc	349.8	374.1	-3.2	4.31
Intl Tech	117.0	125.1	-0.4	0.85
Investment	31.34	33.52	+0.03	2.69
Japanese	270.9	289.1	+2.0	0.00
Man Intl	31.13	33.29	-0.20	2.09
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 898035				
Amer	61.32	65.15	+0.82	1.58
Capit	145.7	154.8	+0.7	1.29
Convertible	25.53	27.13	+0.04	7.10
Eurofund	24.47	25.97	+0.02	1.10
Growth/Inc	205.0	217.8	-1.7	3.78
High Dist	168.2	178.6	-0.4	4.84
Intl	231.3	245.8	-0.8	0.92
Pacific	27.69	29.36	+0.03	1.02
Reserves	29.92	31.91	-0.01	0.86
Smlr Jap Cos	45.14	47.87	-0.25	0.00
Tokyo	269.0	286.4	-0.6	0.00
Ex Am 2	119.8	123.1	..	1.54
Ex Jap 3	137.5	141.2	..	0.16
Ex Pacific 4	386.7	407.8	-4.2	0.21
Ex Smlr Jap 4	270.4	277.8	+2.0	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	87.50	93.08	-0.24	2.61
Do Acc	92.98	98.91	-0.25	2.45
UK Gth Accum	128.5	136.7	..	1.98
UK High Inc	102.3	108.8	..	4.69
N Amer Acc	65.38	69.55	+0.69	1.01
Far East Acc	135.6	144.2	-0.8	0.54
Euro Acc	84.47	89.86	-0.09	1.15
UK Gilt/FI Inc	56.72	59.55	+0.10	8.74
Do Acc	68.13	71.53	+0.12	7.27
Intl Sp 5 Acc	42.85	45.59	-0.09	1.48
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Adelaide House, Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel 0708 66966				
Endurance	131.8	139.8		2.19
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	102.0	108.5	-0.48	3.73
High Inc	107.8	114.7	-0.18	4.84

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Gt/Fxd Interest	51.33	53.14	+0.12	7.58
T Ot Inv Tt	101.7	108.2	+0.20	2.10
Spec Sits	110.8	117.7	+0.27	2.80
N Am	61.25	65.16	+0.48	1.21
Far East	135.2	143.9	-2.48	0.35
Intl Gth	63.07	67.10	+0.33	1.65
Euro	43.96	46.87	+0.09	1.50
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	197.4	210.0	-1.5	3.45
Do Inc	160.8	171.1	-1.1	3.45
Higher Inc Acc	367.6	391.1	-4.2	4.57
Do Inc	271.7	289.1	-3.0	4.57
Gilt/Fxd Acc	117.1	123.1	+0.3	9.07
Do Inc	84.17	88.58	+0.24	9.07
N Am Acc	118.5	126.1	+1.2	0.89
Far East Acc	230.4	245.2	-0.9	0.00
Euro Acc	161.9	172.3	+0.5	0.00
Gen Trust	251.7	266.7	-1.8	3.64
Br Excellence	44.04	46.86	-0.37	3.10
Br Fmnis Inc	52.59	55.98	-0.18	6.08
Do Acc	54.20	57.66	-0.19	6.08
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Cos	71.55	76.82	+0.86	0.54
UK Inc Fund	100.7	107.7	-0.4	4.99
Fp East	98.46	105.3	-0.10	0.00
O'seas Income	82.42	88.76	+0.17	4.29
Fixed Interest	53.88	56.73	+0.18	8.77
Natl Res	61.57	65.85	-0.13	1.95
Euro Income	68.18	72.87	+0.35	3.12
Financials	48.43	51.79	+0.13	2.42
Intl Tech	107.5	114.9	-0.3	0.68
UK Growth	71.82	76.82	-0.69	2.09
US Major	47.92	51.04	+0.45	0.74
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	70.72	75.24	-0.27	1.28
Do Inc	68.45	72.83	-0.27	1.28
High Yield Acc	31.49	33.50	+0.08	5.77
Do Inc	28.32	30.13	+0.06	5.77
Inc Gth Acc	58.98	62.74	-0.68	4.81
Do Inc	49.31	52.46	-0.57	4.81
Service Co Acc	72.50	77.13	+0.06	1.33
Do Inc	70.46	74.95	+0.06	1.33
Am Gth Acc	25.13	26.73	+0.13	0.65
Do Inc	24.85	26.44	+0.13	0.65
Euro Gth Acc	19.78	21.02	-0.22	0.17
Do Inc	19.56	20.80	-0.21	0.17
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	108.6	115.0	+0.7	0.75
Am Equity Inc	27.04	28.71	+0.09	5.53
Am Spec Sits	57.69	61.27	+0.86	0.00
Australia	24.29	26.49	-1.49	1.86
European	75.47	80.26	-0.07	..
Euro Inc	22.76	24.21	-0.08	3.85
Global Conv	22.24	23.79	-0.08	5.25
Far East Inc	40.43	42.84	-0.30	3.32
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.92	29.70	+0.03	8.85
Growth/Inc	128.2	137.5	-0.8	3.99
Jap Spec Sits	63.74	68.99	-0.32	..
Japan	177.4	188.8	-0.6	..
Managed Intl	134.1	142.7	-0.1	0.08
Inc Plus	113.8	122.1	-0.5	4.71
Famous Names	44.80	48.08	-0.22	1.41
SE Asia	45.28	48.25	-0.77	0.80
Spec Sits	318.9	342.0	-1.4	0.58
East Opps	26.12	27.79	-0.16	0.00
Intl Bond	23.83	25.15	-0.24	7.27
Recov	31.62	33.61	-0.08	1.86
Moneybuilder	29.14	31.01	-0.03	1.83
Euro Ops 1992	27.25	29.15	-0.01	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	182.0	193.2	+1.9	
Do Acc	185.5	197.3	+1.9	
Am T'rnd Inc	219.4	232.1	+1.9	
Do Acc	227.5	240.7	+1.9	
Capit Inc	279.4	295.6	+0.4	2.30
Do Acc	350.1	370.4	+0.6	2.30
Conv/Gilt Inc	113.3	119.8	+0.1	8.53
Do Acc	166.4	176.0	+0.1	5.53
Euro Inc	66.84	70.72	+0.73	0.92
Do Acc	67.39	71.31	+0.73	0.92
Extra Inc Inc	262.7	277.9	-0.5	4.80
Do Acc	305.8	323.6	-0.7	4.80
Financial Acc	50.20	53.12	+0.42	1.06
Do Inc	49.74	52.63	+0.40	1.06
Inc Trust	177.0	187.3	-0.7	4.33
Do Acc	202.9	214.7	-0.7	4.33
Intl Gth	149.7	158.4	+1.0	
Do Acc	166.3	175.9	+1.0	
Jap & Gen Inc	146.8	155.0	+0.6	
Do Acc	148.0	156.6	+0.6	
Monthly Inc	138.8	144.7	..	4.58
PEP 87	64.93	●	-0.18	3.35
PEP 88	58.04	58.31	..	2.85
Recov	197.8	209.1	+0.9	2.00
Do Acc	220.0	232.8	+1.0	2.00
Smlr Inc	63.56	67.25	+0.05	2.55
Do Acc	64.65	68.41	+0.05	2.55
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	263.7	280.5	..	2.85
Do Acc	465.5	495.2	..	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	66.48	70.72	..	0.56
Do Acc	66.87	71.14	..	0.56
Fixed Int Dist	115.8	122.9	..	6.33
Do Acc	156.3	165.9	..	6.33
Intl Gth Dist	58.73	62.48	..	0.56
Do Acc	59.25	63.03	..	0.56
N Am Dist	118.7	125.9	..	1.13
Do Acc	122.5	130.0	..	1.13
Pac Basin Dist	200.3	213.0	..	0.19
Do Acc	200.8	213.4	..	0.19
Stwd Dist	253.5	269.7	..	1.50
Do Acc	269.8	287.1	..	1.50
Stwd Inc Dist	63.01	67.03	..	3.63
Do Acc	65.38	69.55	..	3.63
NAm Stwd Dist	56.6	60.1	..	0.79
Do Acc	57.76	61.36	..	0.75
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	59.40	62.55	..	0.47
UK Cap Inc	149.8	160.0	-0.8	2.98
Do Acc	228.7	242.6	-0.9	2.98
Do Spec Sits	61.63	65.27	-0.12	1.76
Inc Fund	112.6	120.5	-0.3	5.13
Intl	172.9	185.0	-0.2	1.09
US/Genrl	44.01	47.07	+0.34	0.69
Jap & Genrl	351.5	375.8	+0.8	0.26
Far East/Gen	140.1	149.9	-0.6	0.96
Euro	278.8	298.1	+2.8	0.20
Germany	62.28	66.21	+0.13	2.11
Intl Inc	49.85	53.11	-0.02	6.68
W'wld Spec Sit	66.35	70.97	-0.42	4.01
Global Prp Inc	52.71	56.38	+0.20	2.88
Do Acc	52.71	56.38	+0.20	2.88
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	78.71	84.47	-0.16	1.69

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Do Dist	65.71	70.03	-0.14	1.69
Capit Gth	27.99	29.75	-0.05	2.32
Pract Inv Inc	76.99	82.49	+0.09	2.58
Do Acc	145.9	156.4	+0.17	2.56
UK Sel Opps	100.5	107.2	-0.17	0.82
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	63.36	68.43	+0.80	5.58
Fxd Interest	29.02	31.04	+0.04	8.78
High Inc	32.69	34.90	-0.19	4.81
Income	108.9	116.4	-0.80	3.90
Intl Fxd Int	23.91	25.16	-0.08	7.31
UK Smll Cos	113.1	121.3	+0.09	1.42
International Trusts				
Commod Shrs	54.16	58.59	-0.33	1.86
Foreign Mkts	27.63	29.46	-0.26	0.41
Global	172.8	183.9	-0.18	0.22
Do Dist	163.4	174.1	-0.17	0.22
Glob Inc/Gth	75.02	80.35	-0.18	4.08
Gold Shares	13.83	14.83	-0.17	2.15
Intl Sel Opps	113.3	121.2	+0.11	0.91
W'wide Recov	96.52	103.2	+0.25	0.00
Overseas Trusts				
American	68.60	73.27	+0.86	1.15
Am Sel Opp	28.00	29.96	+0.34	0.00
Australian	13.16	14.07	-0.82	5.66
European	49.27	52.59	-0.61	0.90
Euro Sel Opp	65.06	69.14	-0.10	0.00
Far East	145.4	154.3	+0.51	0.00
Hedged Am	33.37	35.48	+0.30	0.50
Hong Kong	36.61	39.03	-1.06	2.20
Japan	147.4	156.8	-0.57	0.00
Jap S/Opp	77.05	81.82	-0.18	0.00
Pacific Gth	56.23	59.83	+0.26	0.85
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing 01-588 0626				
Intl Gth	98.14	104.9	-0.91	1.00
Amer Growth	63.92	68.37	+0.45	0.11
Amer Inc	64.04	68.50	+0.63	4.06
Euro Growth	50.26	53.77	-0.06	1.17
Gold/Mins	48.89	52.26	-1.04	0.66
Jap Growth	75.22	80.45	+0.10	..
Pacific Inc	95.86	102.5	-0.35	2.77
Pacific Strat	48.20	51.35	-0.32	0.41
UK Prog Inc	75.65	80.91	-0.02	4.57
UK Spec Opps	158.8	169.8	-0.04	1.51
Gt British	42.36	45.29	-0.17	2.88
UK Smll Co	42.71	45.68	+1.42	1.45
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 5903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	117.4	122.8	+0.4	9.14
Gth Equity	277.7	293.8	-1.1	2.34
Guardhill	376.2	392.9	-2.4	2.87
Inc Tst	106.9	113.1	-0.9	5.34
Intl	117.1	123.9	+0.2	0.63
N Amer	126.7	134.0	+1.3	1.42
Pacific	305.0	322.7	-0.6	0.57
Prop Share	370.7	392.3	+0.1	2.23
Smlr Cos	306.7	324.5	-0.1	1.86
Euro	272.8	288.4	-1.9	0.57
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 6333				
Global Gth	46.36	49.31	+0.20	0.80
High Inc	97.57	103.8	..	5.53
N Am	111.1	118.2	+0.9	0.65
Pacific Gth	47.39	50.42	-0.22	0.50
Recov	354.7	377.4	+0.8	1.95
St Vin Inc	112.9	115.8	-2.7	5.66
St Vin US Gth	50.19	52.29	+0.09	0.98
TB Sm Cos	282.7	298.8	..	3.28
TBUSF	164.5	177.5	..	3.00
Euro Gth Tst	50.64	53.68	-0.16	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	55.84	59.24	+0.29	0.41
Canadian	45.83	48.62	+0.09	0.49
Equity Inc	112.9	120.1	+0.1	5.95
Euro	89.60	95.06	+0.13	0.60
High Inc	86.36	91.88	+0.13	6.65
Intl Sits	50.13	53.61	-0.25	1.21
Jap & Far East	149.4	158.6	-0.3	0.01
N Am	59.09	62.69	+0.48	1.42
Recov/Asset	68.39	72.58	+0.08	2.84
Scandinavian	91.02	96.57	-0.13	0.78
Smlr Cos	35.28	38.59	+0.11	1.87
UK New Genrn	43.39	46.16	+0.05	1.78
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	102.4	109.6	+0.3	0.00
Am Smlr Cos	42.26	45.40	+0.13	0.00
Australian	107.8	115.1	-5.1	1.41
Best of World	51.57	55.14	-0.06	1.89
Capit Gth Inc	68.41	73.63	-0.46	2.09
Do Acc	82.00	88.25	-0.55	2.09
European	239.5	254.5	-0.1	0.76
Euro Inc	45.32	48.40	-0.11	3.74
Euro Smlr Cos	88.64	94.58	-0.48	0.06
Extra Inc	250.8	270.4	-0.4	4.06
Financial	180.3	198.2	-0.5	2.06
Fixed Interest	52.41	56.62	+0.05	9.77
Gilt	36.81	41.36	+0.10	11.09
Global H'care	62.08	66.11	-0.32	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	63.58	68.11	-0.39	4.56
Global Resrces	69.84	75.03	-0.58	0.39
Global Tech	95.22	102.8	-0.33	0.02
Gold	27.88	29.78	..	..
High Inc	261.3	282.6	-1.0	3.95
Hong Kong	65.47	69.65	-0.13	0.00
Income/Gth Inc	198.3	213.6	-1.0	3.12
Do Acc	418.8	451.0	-2.1	3.12
Inc Assets	142.1	152.5	-2.6	3.83
Intl	167.3	178.6	-0.5	0.53
Jap Spec Sits	228.5	243.9	-0.9	0.00
Jap	221.5	236.7	-3.0	0.00
Nth Amer	127.8	136.1	+0.6	0.35
Pac Smlr Cos	100.0	107.6	-0.2	0.00
Pension Man	46.81	48.75	-0.13	2.98
Pref/Gilt	55.71	60.81	+0.08	10.05
Recov	154.3	165.0	-1.4	2.00
Singapo Malay	39.67	42.56	+0.41	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	182.6	200.4	+0.1	3.42
Spec Sits Inc	200.3	217.3	+0.1	1.30
Do Acc	288.8	313.2	+0.2	1.30
W'wide	518.2	558.7	..	2.51
Euro Exmpt	110.9	115.8	-0.1	1.58
Glo Tec Exmpt	84.97	87.84	-0.39	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	179.3	188.3	-0.7	4.37
Jap Exmpt	215.5	224.1	-0.7	0.00
N Am Exmpt	88.71	93.86	+0.53	0.57
Pacific Exmpt	193.9	200.8	-1.3	2.43
Smlr Co Expt	178.8	191.5	..	1.86
Best of British	41.87	44.62	-0.24	3.15
Spirit Of East	42.17	45.14	-0.22	1.91
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	67.08	71.74	-0.47	1.94
Capit	123.4	131.9	-0.7	1.86
Dollar	181.8	194.4	+2.1	0.88
Euro	127.1	135.9	-1.1	0.00
Far East	151.2	161.7	-0.2	0.07
Financial	455.7	487.3	-1.9	2.85
G/F Intrst Inc	27.20	29.25	+0.05	8.66
High Yield	91.94	98.33	-0.44	4.35
Inc Trust	113.4	121.2	-0.7	3.42

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Intl	142.9	152.8	+0.3	0.70
Jap Tech	64.75	68.55	-0.50	0.00
Natrl Resrces	48.94	52.77	-0.49	1.80
Security	243.9	260.8	-4.1	1.75
Smlr Cos	123.0	137.9	..	0.77
Spec Sits	132.8	141.8	-3.8	1.62
US Smlr Cos	26.07	27.88	+0.15	0.88
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
26, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 6218				
Brit/Overs	144.3	152.7	+0.1	1.93
Inc Plus	74.03	78.34	..	3.83
Cap Gth	73.94	78.24	..	4.04
Invest Trst	83.83	88.71	..	1.16
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
8a, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264770				
Equity/Gen	58.60	63.07	-0.58	2.41
Gt/Fxd Interest	67.69	72.23	+0.07	2.02
Higher Inc	145.4	155.5	+0.2	5.71
Income	93.54	99.77	-0.20	3.70
Intl	64.21	68.41	+0.03	0.99
Smlr Cos	61.76	65.86	+0.29	1.34
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers 01-623 8776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	50.85	54.10	-1.12	5.87
Do Acc	52.93	59.31	-1.17	5.87
Gilt Yield Inc	110.8	117.0	+0.3	9.23
Do Acc	225.3	237.9	+0.7	9.33
Global Inc	155.4	165.3	-0.8	4.05
Do Acc	285.0	303.2	-1.5	4.05
High Yield Inc	120.1	127.7	-0.4	4.94
Do Acc	265.1	282.0	-0.8	4.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	51.97	55.29	+0.28	0.00
Do Acc	53.54	56.95	+0.27	0.00
N Amer	45.15	47.97	+0.53	1.55
Do Acc	53.88	57.04	+0.63	1.55
Euro Inc	80.39	86.02	+0.04	1.56
Do Acc	114.1	121.2	..	1.56
Euro Spec Inc	66.55	70.78	+0.16	1.71
Do Acc	67.11	71.33	+0.16	1.71
FD Invest Trst	26.10	27.77	+0.09	2.63
Do Acc	34.64	36.85	+0.11	2.63
Genrl Inc	215.1	228.8	-1.2	2.66
Do Acc	310.9	330.8	-1.7	2.66
Intl Recov	125.8	133.8	-0.3	1.53
Do Acc	136.0	144.7	-0.4	1.53
Jap Inc	342.0	363.8	+1.2	0.00
Do Acc	345.6	367.6	+1.3	0.00
Jap Spec	158.3	168.4	-0.1	0.03
Do Acc	159.1	169.2	-0.1	0.03
Master Acc	162.9	173.3	..	1.28
Pacific Inc	195.0	207.4	-0.5	0.41
Do Acc	222.2	236.4	-0.4	0.41
Smlr Cos Inc	117.4	124.9	+0.1	1.44
Do Acc	143.6	153.0	+0.1	1.44
UK Equity Gth	31.28	33.29	-0.05	1.69
Do Acc	53.12	56.51	-0.11	1.69
L&S UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
63, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4805				
European	40.66	43.46	..	0.00
Extra Inc	24.74	26.28	..	7.48
Far East	22.55	23.99	..	0.00
Income/Gth	66.15	70.37	..	4.43
Intl Gth	39.63	42.37	..	1.96
Japan	57.9	61.60	..	0.00
N Am Equity	24.03	26.20	..	0.64
UK Equity	61.49	65.41	..	2.78
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	319.1	339.5	-2.6	3.24
Do Acc	528.5	562.2	-4.2	3.24
Do Inc	82.45	87.71	-0.39	4.26
European	62.81	66.82	+0.02	0.56
Far East	158.8	168.9	-0.8	0.01
Fixed Interest	46.11	49.05	+0.18	8.07
Gilt	84.54	89.46	+0.17	7.53
Global Gth	52.84	56.21	-0.19	0.32
Intl Bond	42.61	45.31	-0.12	5.80
Japanese	76.81	81.71	-0.01	0.01
O'seas Equity	89.50	95.21	-0.32	0.85
Natrl Res	92.10	97.98	-2.25	1.57
N Amer	79.59	84.46	+0.62	1.60
UK Recov	53.14	56.53	-0.13	2.41
UK Spec Sits	94.19	100.2	-0.20	1.80
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834313				
Balanced	228.5	243.1	-0.81	2.86
Do Acc	439.7	461.4	-1.53	2.86
Contl Euro Gth	35.61	37.73	-0.08	0.25
Do Acc	38.28	38.39	-0.04	0.25
Energy Intl	58.48	62.22	+0.07	2.84
Do Acc	68.78	73.17	+0.08	2.84
Extra Inc	203.8	216.8	-1.67	4.78
Do Acc	406.1	432.0	-3.72	4.78
German Gth	59.01	62.81	-0.43	0.63
Do Acc	60.59	64.19	-0.44	0.63
Income	370.8	394.5	-2.34	3.92
Do Acc	784.1	844.8	-5.01	3.92
Intl Tech	182.1	204.4	-0.28	0.63
Do Acc	202.7	215.6	-0.29	0.63
Jap Growth	117.1	124.4	-1.35	0.01
Do Acc	117.5	124.9	-1.36	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	43.86	46.64	-0.04	1.22
Do Acc	44.68	47.51	-0.04	1.22
N Am & Gen	111.0	118.1	+1.51	1.30
Do Acc	123.6	131.6	+1.68	1.30
NAm SC Rec	60.23	64.07	+0.23	0.01
Do Acc	60.35	64.20	+0.23	0.01
Pacific Basin	174.2	185.3	-0.90	0.01
Do Acc	182.6	194.3	-0.94	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	300.4	318.6	+0.15	1.89
Do Acc	350.2	372.5	+0.16	1.89
UK Gth Fund	63.27	67.31	-0.15	2.50
Do Acc	66.20	70.23	-0.07	2.50
W'wide Growth	206.8	219.8	+0.43	0.72
Do Acc	294.3	313.3	+0.61	0.72
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282672				
Genrl	64.02	67.28	-0.23	3.20
Inc Trust	49.69	52.98	-0.11	4.80
Intl	37.28	39.58	+0.08	0.90
American	30.60	32.62	-0.06	1.70
Japan	52.21	55.41	-0.83	0.00
Trst Of Invnt	40.65	43.36	+0.09	1.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing: 0345-388288				
Am & Gen Inc	210.7	222.8	+3.1	1.40
Do Acc	253.4	268.0	+3.8	1.40
Am Recov	237.3	251.0	+2.7	0.93
Do Acc	264.9	280.1	+3.4	0.93
Am Sm Co Acc	48.4	51.8	+0.7	0.06
Australia Acc	115.5	122.1	-5.2	1.72
Comood Acc	313.0	331.0	-1.5	1.57
Compound Gth	595.5	627.5	-1.1	2.12
Conversn Gth	515.2	545.9	-0.6	3.49
Do Inc	270.1	285.9	-0.3	5.25
Dividend Inc	589.6	623.5	-0.7	4.77
Do Acc	£19.00	20.09	-0.02	4.77
Euro Acc	292.5	309.4	-1.0	1.07
Extra Yield Inc	340.0	360.2	-1.1	5.04

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Do Acc	802.0	848.1	-2.0	5.04
Far East Inc	168.6	178.6	-4.7	1.03
Do Acc	209.3	221.9	+0.3	1.08
Gt Inv Inc	344.5	364.8	-0.4	2.89
Do Acc	588.6	601.3	-1.1	2.29
Genrl Income	877.2	927.8	-0.4	3.47
Do Acc	£19.92	21.07	-0.00	3.47
Gt/Fxd Interest	58.2	61.1	..	9.45
Do Acc	106.8	112.1	..	9.45
Gold Inc	40.0	42.3	-0.8	1.63
Do Acc	43.8	46.4	-0.7	1.63
High Inc Inc	461.3	477.2	-2.4	5.17
Do Acc	£13.47	14.24	-0.01	5.17
Intl Gth Inc	862.2	913.9	-8.4	1.20
Do Acc	£14.26	15.10	+0.05	1.20
Intl Inc	62.3	66.4	-0.1	5.14
Jap Acc	£11.69	12.36	-0.01	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	124.7	132.8	-0.2	0.00
Midland/Gen	£10.01	10.59	-0.02	3.92
Do Acc	£26.56	28.20	+0.00	3.92
Recov Inc	601.3	635.9	-0.2	3.86
Do Acc	824.0	871.4	-0.2	3.86
2nd Gen Inc	£10.12	10.78	+0.01	3.36
Do Acc	£21.88	22.78	+0.03	3.36
Smlr Cos Inc	£11.33	11.99	+0.02	2.97
Do Acc	£18.78	19.87	+0.03	2.97
Trustee Inc	662.3	702.0	+0.8	4.08
Charifd Inc 9	165.0	●	..	10.71
Charifd Inc 2	592.7	608.3	-1.3	5.57
Pension Ex 1	658.8	673.2	+0.1	4.14
NAACIF Inc 3	43.3	●	..	8.31
Do Acc 3	669.8	●	..	8.37
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	64.57	66.65	+0.05	4.44
Smlr Cos	32.0	34.09	-0.1	1.65
Spec Features	27.08	28.76	+0.07	1.17
Do Acc	29.72	30.91	+0.08	1.10
General Funds				
UK Growth	41.98	44.60	-0.16	2.57
Asset/Earn DI	58.77	62.44	-0.02	2.25
Do Acc	61.14	64.95	-0.02	2.16
Gilt Co	380.4	407.8	-0.4	2.67
Managed Inv	62.46	66.60	-0.08	2.17
Rupert Child	52.18	55.63	-0.31	2.32
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	77.42	82.25	-0.16	5.69
Gilt	26.29	27.73	+0.05	8.70
Inc/Gth	31.38	33.81	-0.10	3.73
Pref Shares	20.19	21.45	-0.16	8.53
UK Income	269.1	286.9	..	3.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	136.2	144.7	-1.8	1.78
Financial Secs	43.02	45.70	..	3.50
Gold	41.75	44.81	-0.54	0.53
Do Acc	43.65	46.81	-0.57	0.54
Intl Leisure	17.96	19.08	+0.02	0.00
Prop Shares	77.71	82.55	+0.11	1.58
Univ Energy	57.53	61.12	-0.10	1.86
World Tech	39.95	42.44	-0.07	0.57
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	117.8	124.2	-0.5	3.49
Euro Expt Acc	75.71	81.25	+0.02	0.65
Euro Expt Inc	74.89	80.35	+0.01	0.66
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	30.70	32.79	+0.41	1.55
Australian Gth	41.07	43.89	-2.03	2.75
Drayton Jap	58.89	62.41	-0.19	0.00
Euro Perf	78.01	81.55	+0.08	0.35
Do Acc	78.85	82.45	+0.08	0.35
Euro Smlr Cos	13.64	14.66	-0.04	1.17
Far East	77.77	82.63	+0.01	0.29
French Gth	41.40	44.45	+0.28	0.51
Do Acc	41.86	45.05	+0.29	0.50
Hong Kong	28.30	28.13	+0.02	2.14
Intl Gth	40.67	43.21	+0.03	1.75
Jap Perf	122.5	130.8	-0.4	0.00
Do Acc	122.8	130.8	-0.4	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	28.47	30.33	+0.17	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	32.63	34.92	+0.45	1.11
Do Acc	32.55	34.84	+0.43	1.11
SE Asia	88.16	93.47	+1.13	0.78
US Sml Co	82.04	87.20	-0.15	0.00
Do Acc	82.69	87.91	-0.16	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	64.39	68.41	+0.32	8.57
Intl Bond	44.50	47.38	-1.34	5.77
US Income	49.49	52.78	+0.51	4.27
Do Acc	56.01	61.85	+0.61	3.84
MEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gth	70.43	72.20	+0.19	8.12
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	25.44	27.09	+0.42	1.11
Energy	24.84	26.43	+0.12	1.72
Genrl	42.23	44.95	-0.08	2.85
Intl	59.18	62.96	+0.19	1.99
Gilt Unit	25.68	26.47	+0.09	8.29
Inc/Gth	70.96	75.06	-0.22	3.62
Euro	35.45	37.71	-0.08	1.18
Safety Tst	25.54	27.17	+0.12	6.46
UK Smlr Cos	24.03	25.56	+0.02	2.47
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 419 Chester X CH99 9QQ Tel: 0244 680080				
Inv Port Acc	101.8	108.6	-0.3	2.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD				
46, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-225 4372				
Far East	95.61	101.7	+0.10	0.75
Inc Fund	58.63	62.64	+0.06	4.76
European	43.24	46.00	-0.20	1.14
N Amer	30.04	31.95	+0.25	0.92
Gth/Rec	55.04	58.49	-0.42	2.07
Intl Gth	477.4	508.7	+2.0	1.81
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	97.59	104.1	+0.87	0.19
Do Acc	104.1	111.0	+0.9	0.19
Am Income	42.83	45.64	+0.48	3.85
Do Acc	50.58	53.90	+0.56	3.95
Euro Growth	120.8	128.3	-0.8	2.60
Do Acc	127.2	135.7	-0.8	2.60
General	345.2	368.3	-1.8	2.52
Do Acc	590.4	629.8	-3.2	2.52
Gilt/Fixed	84.18	88.74	+0.18	8.61
Do Acc	113.0	119.1	+0.3	8.61
Income	111.1	118.5	-0.8	4.48
Do Acc	136.5	145.70	-0.6	4.48
Intl	283.7	302.1	+0.3	1.86
Do Acc	364.8	389.0	+0.4	1.86
Japan	205.1	218.1	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	210.5	223.9	+0.4	0.00
Recov	285.6	304.7	-0.3	2.40
Do Acc	320.4	341.8	-0.5	2.40
Exmpt Dist	329.1	337.6	..	4.35
Do Acc	536.2	549.9	..	4.35
Euro Inc	64.86	69.09	-0.36	4.73
Do Acc	71.77	76.45	-0.40	4.73
Am Smlr Dist	39.19	41.81	+0.32	0.00
Do Acc	39.73	42.38	+0.31	0.00
Br Blue Chip Dl	48.37	51.49	-0.15	2.82
Do Acc	50.21	53.58	-0.16	2.82
Portf Dist	46.04	50.96	-0.01	0.40
do Acc	48.68	51.54	..	0.40
High Inc Dist	49.04	52.31	-0.55	6.45
Do Acc	52.78	56.30	-0.60	6.45
High Ild Dist	44.21	47.02	+0.05	8.42

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Do Acc	49.55	52.71	-0.04	8.42
Pacific Dist	47.97	51.17	-0.80	1.02
Do Acc	48.59	51.81	-0.81	1.02
UK Smlr Dist	49.95	53.29	-0.37	1.12
Do Acc	51.30	55.36	+0.02	1.12
Am Sm Cos Ex	38.69	40.67	+0.31	0.14
Do Acc	38.98	40.91	+0.32	0.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Courtwood House 122, Silver St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	52.80	56.17	-1.19	2.81
Do Acc	55.66	59.07	+0.70	2.81
Capd Income	112.3	119.5	-0.4	2.54
Do Acc	160.8	171.1	-0.5	2.54
Extra High Inc	71.66	76.20	-0.06	6.80
Do Acc	94.96	101.0	+0.04	6.80
Gt/Fxd Income	52.96	56.31	-0.03	7.68
Do Acc	102.0	108.5	-0.5	7.68
High Yield	209.3	222.7	-0.7	4.83
Do Acc	395.0	420.2	-1.4	4.83
Income	233.8	248.7	-1.1	3.83
Do Acc	416.7	442.7	-2.8	3.83
Intl High St Dis	53.19	56.58	-0.17	2.63
Do Acc	54.07	57.52	-0.18	2.63
Jap & Pacific	380.0	364.9	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	381.5	404.8	+0.5	0.00
Mandarin	49.94	53.08	-0.20	1.47
N Amer Inc	102.3	108.8	+0.7	0.72
Do Acc	123.8	131.8	+0.9	0.72
Euro Gth Inc	109.9	115.9	-0.1	0.79
Do Acc	134.8	142.2	..	0.79
Managed Portf	64.86	68.87	+0.35	1.58
Meridian Gth	109.8	116.0	-0.3	1.78
Meridian Inc	105.8	112.0	-0.2	3.82
Smlr Cos Inc	166.5	177.1	+0.2	2.29
Do Acc	184.5	196.2	+0.1	2.29
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-826 0123				
Amer Gth	113.1	120.4	+0.1	2.82
Euro Gth	141.7	150.8	..	1.08
Intl Gth	125.1	133.1	-0.1	1.46
UK Equity Inc	113.3	120.6	-0.4	4.35
UK Eq In Acc	115.3	122.8	-0.4	4.35
UK Eq In Trckr	105.4	111.8	-0.5	4.03
US Eq In Trckr	108.6	116.0	+1.3	2.17
Do Acc	108.8	116.0	+1.3	2.17
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 686636				
Amer Inc	103.0	109.4	+1.37	4.40
European	45.66	48.50	+0.08	1.49
Far East	101.9	108.8	-0.19	0.00
Olympiad	44.11	47.04	+0.21	0.85
Olympiad Inc	37.21	39.64	-0.24	6.39
Smlr Cos	70.18	74.91	+0.25	1.72
UK Equity Inc	80.01	85.41	-0.21	5.30
UK Growth	59.15	63.13	-0.22	2.64
N M SCHRODER				
The Ditton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372322 Dealings 0705 387730				
Amer Acc	26.07	27.80	+0.31	1.54
Australia Acc	174.4	187.1	-7.7	1.68
Conscience Inc	46.44	49.56	-0.05	2.02
Do Acc	47.25	50.42	-0.06	2.02
Euro Inc	113.3	120.8	-0.1	1.09
Do Acc	116.2	128.0	-0.1	1.08
Extra Inc	72.58	77.47	-0.20	5.58
Extra Inc Acc	86.81	92.43	-0.23	5.58
F East Gth Acc	108.2	115.6	+0.2	0.20
Gt/Fxd Income	52.92	55.00	+0.16	8.63
Gold Inc	36.44	39.18	-0.47	1.17
Do Acc	38.69	41.92	-0.60	1.17
Inc	48.86	52.11	-0.27	5.18
Do Acc	120.2	128.2	-0.7	5.18
Intl Inc	24.8	26.6	..	0.71
Do Acc	34.90	37.44	+0.04	0.71
Jap Sm Co Acc	204.8	218.4	-0.4	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	78.74	83.51	+0.10	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	37.96	40.80	+0.11	1.72
Spec Sits Inc	29.45	31.66	+0.07	1.33
Do Acc	31.33	33.83	+0.07	1.33
Tokyo Inc	76.54	81.64	-0.22	0.00
Do Acc	77.32	82.47	-0.22	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	46.80	50.05	+0.47	0.00
UK Equity Inc	136.3	145.3	-0.8	3.48
Do Acc	224.5	239.6	-1.4	3.48
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Pearl Assurance House Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SA Tel: Dealings 0800-626627 Inquiry 0733-47777				
Gth Trust Inc	113.3	119.2	-0.2	2.44
Do Acc	176.6	185.8	-0.3	2.44
Inc Trust	171.4	182.3	-0.4	3.47
Intl Equity Inc	155.7	163.8	-0.3	1.34
Do Acc	161.2	171.5	-0.3	1.34
Equity Inc	168.6	179.3	-0.5	2.79
Do Acc	311.0	330.8	-0.8	2.79
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	297.4	318.1	-0.20	1.51
Income	232.2	248.3	-2.51	4.80
W'wide Rec	171.0	182.9	+0.12	1.82
Am Growth	70.56	75.49	+0.77	1.03
Intl Emerg Cos	76.41	81.73	-0.29	0.70
Far East Grwth	110.7	118.4	-0.24	1.08
Euro Gth	63.53	67.95	-0.02	1.25
UK Growth	44.25	47.33	-0.22	2.82
High Inc	53.36	57.07	-0.11	5.28
Jap Gth	102.8	110.0	-0.53	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544				
Amer	129.3	137.5	-0.5	0.95
High Inc	88.21	94.34	-0.69	4.74
Conv/Gilt	123.2	131.4	-0.7	8.12
Far East	250.4	265.2	-0.8	0.01
Nth Amer	118.9	127.2	-0.2	0.01
Spec Sits	160.8	169.1	-0.3	0.77
Technology	115.9	123.9	+0.4	0.75
Extra Inc	133.5	142.5	-1.0	4.62
Euro Gth/Inc	43.41	46.37	-0.04	2.41
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 Linkline 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	545.9	578.8	-0.12	2.67
European	109.7	116.2	-0.08	0.71
Holb Commo	66.56	70.43	+0.07	0.26
Holb High Inc	84.90	90.79	+0.11	6.01
Holb Intl	108.9	115.4	+0.44	0.83
Japanese	159.2	170.3	-0.05	0.01
N Amer	73.78	78.91	+1.00	0.78
Holb Spec Sits	97.29	104.0	-0.06	1.95
Holb UK Gth	99.38	106.2	-0.06	2.40
Holb Premier	43.22	46.22	-0.06	7.06
Holb Smlr Cos	68.60	73.37	+0.17	2.09
Holb Eqty Inc	66.75	71.39	+0.07	4.86
Holb Intl SC	47.16	50.45	+0.21	0.05
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR, 01-634 2991/4				
Income	119.7	127.8	-0.10	4.54
Japan	237.7	255.8	-0.18	0.00
Major UK Co	65.62	70.54	-0.25	2.86
Smlr Ass	73.68	79.22	-2.13	2.15
Amer Inc	265.7	287.1	+2.48	1.13

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Do Acc	295.5	319.3	+2.72	1.13
Smlr Cos	208.2	227.7	+0.59	2.21
Smlr Canada	36.46	39.70	+0.03	1.34
Smlr Euro Cos	167.1	179.7	-0.69	0.68
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-628 2400 Dealing: 01-638 2381				
Cap Gwth Inc	75.25	80.95	-0.60	2.79
Do Acc	91.15	98.03	-0.73	0.00
Pacific Basin	164.1	173.3	-0.3	2.52
Do 6% Wdrw	77.05	82.86	-0.17	0.00
Finance/Prop	57.30	59.57	-0.29	2.62
Fixed/Conv	48.59	52.26	+0.04	7.32
Do Acc	94.66	101.8	+1.64	0.00
Equity Inc	111.7	120.1	-0.8	4.79
Do Acc	288.8	310.6	-1.5	0.00
High Yield Inc	119.5	128.5	+0.2	5.12
Do Acc	363.8	390.5	+0.6	0.00
Intl Inc	88.90	95.59	-0.15	1.30
Do Acc	93.02	100.0	-0.16	0.00
Preference Inc	49.67	53.41	-0.30	7.03
Do Acc	187.7	201.8	-0.9	0.00
Smlr Cos	74.97	80.61	+0.09	2.19
Do Acc	83.33	89.61	+0.11	0.00
Prem Canada	47.08	47.28	-0.19	0.09
Prem Commod	54.72	54.89	-0.31	0.07
Prem Europe	100.2	100.7	-1.2	0.00
Prem Global	47.59	47.78	..	5.91
Prem Gold	36.75	36.93	+0.20	0.13
Prem HK	38.54	38.73	-0.24	0.08
Prem Jap	136.8	137.5	+0.3	0.00
Prem Sing/M	43.48	43.70	+0.64	0.09
Prem UK	97.48	97.97	-0.69	1.29
Prem US	85.36	85.86	+0.11	1.34
W'wide Alpha	54.56	58.47	-0.38	1.65
Do Acc	54.84	58.78	-0.39	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	50.52	53.74	+0.20	8.97
Capd	113.7	120.9	+0.1	1.28
Comood	70.25	74.67	-0.41	0.58
Euro Growth	103.0	109.5	-0.5	0.90
Financial Secs	115.3	122.6	+0.1	2.35
High Return	245.3	260.8	+0.3	4.70
High Yield	225.9	240.3	+0.3	3.68
Inc Units	118.1	125.6	+0.3	4.58
Investment	118.7	126.2	+0.5	2.60
Jap Growth	131.3	139.6	..	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	149.3	158.8	-0.5	0.00
Nasterland	35.12	37.36	+0.01	2.85
Scotbits	164.9	175.4	+0.5	2.61
Scotshares	231.1	245.8	+1.7	2.90
Scotyields	212.8	226.3	+0.5	4.45
Select Intl	94.36	100.3	-0.01	0.90
Smlr Cos Inc	252.7	268.8	+1.1	3.65
Spec Sits	135.5	144.1	+0.7	1.89
UK Equity	231.0	245.7	+0.3	2.34
US Growth	73.96	78.59	+0.86	1.01
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2500				
Equity Auth	431.8	459.7	-1.93	3.45
Equity Gent	55.26	58.30	-0.10	2.87
Euro Opp	48.94	52.01	-0.06	1.65
UK Smlr Cos	51.10	54.42	+0.36	0.94
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	230.7	246.7	-1.5	2.98
Colombus	145.8	155.6	+0.7	1.39
Marco Polo	242.4	258.2	-2.4	0.28
Da Vinci	257.6	275.5	-0.1	1.36
Drake	58.71	62.79	-0.06	1.04
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	240.5	255.9	-0.8	3.08
UK Sm Cos Eq	239.4	254.7	+0.7	2.37
European	194.8	207.3	-0.7	1.26
N Amer	122.8	134.1	-3.4	1.55
Inc Plus	58.88	62.76	+0.08	5.86
UK Spec Sit	70.97	75.51	-0.01	2.66
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: Tele031-556 2241/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	18.81	19.92	-0.03	3.12
Intl Gth Acc	19.98	21.28	+0.07	0.65
Global Inc Acc	20.10	21.51	+0.07	5.36
Mkt Leadr Acc	17.90	19.25	-0.10	3.86
SMI UNIT MANAGEMENT				
The Ditton Centre North Harbour Portsmouth Tel: Dealing 0705 387730				
O'seas Sm Co	53.57	56.99	-0.13	0.35
Pension Charit	724.6	776.6	..	3.35
Recov	212.43	13.22	..	3.21
UK Sml Cos Ex	109.1	116.0	+0.3	2.16
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	29.32	31.15	-0.05	1.86
Equity Gth Acc	35.27	37.47	-0.08	2.60
Equity High Inc	35.37	37.58	-0.13	4.80
Equity Genl	30.59	32.49	-0.08	2.82
Do Acc	32.97	35.11	-0.09	2.65
G/F Intrst Inc	27.81	29.25	+0.06	7.77
O'seas Lgr Acc	205.5	220.0	+0.4	2.14
Nth Amer Acc	24.21	25.88	+0.16	1.51
Far East Acc	48.96	51.36	+0.13	0.03
Euro Acc	25.87	27.49	-0.22	1.25
UK Lgr Inc	215.5	229.6	-0.3	3.49
Do Acc	236.4	250.7	-0.4	3.49
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	207.8	220.8	+0.6	0.98
Do Acc	237.9	253.1	+0.7	0.98
Do Wrdl	128.5	136.7	+0.5	0.98
Australian Inc	165.0	175.7	-7.7	0.35
Do Acc	169.9	180.9	-7.9	0.35
British Inc	885.5	947.5	-2.1	4.22
Do Acc	£13.02	13.77	-0.03	4.22
Euro Inc	257.0	294.3	-1.8	0.00
Do Acc	283.0	301.3	-1.9	0.00
Jap Inc	94.25	100.3	-0.66	0.10
Do Acc	95.0	101.1	-0.7	0.10
Smlr PRP	218.6	227.5	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	513.6	546.4	+1.9	3.03
NAm Acc	55.95	59.52	+0.56	1.49
Far East Acc	119.2	126.8	-0.9	0.01
W'wide Bond	47.09	49.82	-0.06	5.82
European	52.32	55.36	+0.15	2.59
Equity Inc	68.88	73.28	+0.08	5.04
W'wide Tech	42.07	44.76	+0.02	0.96
W'wide Fund	42.74	45.47	+0.04	1.59
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no:0256 841414				
UK Income	34.56	36.76	..	4.11
Do Gth	31.05	33.04	..	2.85
W'wide	22.08	23.48	..	1.77

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TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	104.2	110.9	+1.07	1.23
Do Acc	111.9	119.0	+1.15	1.23
Br Gth Inc	61.30	65.21	-0.28	2.49
Do Acc	64.74	69.23	-0.30	2.49
Euro Inc	55.28	58.81	+0.03	0.41
Do Acc	56.80	60.45	+0.03	0.41
Extra Inc Inc	161.4	171.7	-3.2	4.87
Do Acc	212.0	225.5	-0.38	4.80
Genrl Unit Inc	194.8	207.2	-0.91	2.62
Do Acc	343.0	364.9	-1.60	2.62
Inc Trust	292.7	311.4	-0.89	4.45
Do Acc	493.0	528.8	-7.52	4.45
Intl	355.5	378.2	+0.74	0.14
Do Acc	449.2	477.9	+0.93	0.14
Pacific	241.9	255.4	+0.88	0.00
Do Acc	250.6	266.8	+0.93	0.00
Premier Inc	48.06	50.08	..	9.12
Do Acc	73.60	76.88	..	9.12
Natrl Resrces	66.42	70.66	-0.66	0.68
Do Acc	70.41	74.90	-0.70	0.68
Selected Opps	87.91	93.47	-1.27	1.59
Do Accum	100.3	106.7	-1.45	1.59
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	68.50	73.26	+0.68	1.62
Australian	7.02	7.50	-0.35	0.00
Commod	79.26	85.20	-0.24	0.00
Equity	162.6	176.6	-0.3	3.92
Equity Exmpt	126.8	135.4	..	2.10
Equity Ex Acc	241.0	258.8	..	2.10
Euro Spec Sits	88.53	95.17	-0.07	0.73
Convertible	147.4	159.0	..	5.35
Financial	32.44	34.90	-0.12	2.39
Global Inc	60.78	65.28	-0.06	0.86
Do Acc	61.24	65.78	-0.06	0.86
Gold Inc	44.37	47.75	-0.95	0.00
Do Acc	51.73	57.87	-1.74	0.00
Income	111.8	120.5	+0.1	4.38
Japan	146.8	158.1	-0.2	0.00
Pacific Inc	129.8	140.1	-0.5	0.00
Do Acc	161.1	173.6	-0.6	0.00
Pref Share	25.25	27.81	+0.01	7.44
UK Capd	99.7	106.9	+2.4	1.52
Spec Sits	100.3	108.8	+0.2	3.13
World Cap	162.8	175.3	-0.1	1.75
World Inc	55.30	59.23	+0.12	5.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 3645				
Am Opp Dist	41.36	44.11	+0.24	1.21
Do Acc	42.55	45.38	+0.25	1.21
Euro Opp Dist	44.76	47.75	-0.22	0.00
Do Acc	44.54	47.50	-0.23	0.00
F East Opp Di	105.1	112.1	+0.31	0.00
Do Acc	105.5	112.5	+0.32	0.00
Gold Opp Inc	33.98	36.24	-1.01	1.22
Do Acc	34.96	37.28	-1.04	1.22
Intl Hi Yld Dist	47.67	50.84	-0.21	8.75
Do Acc	50.42	53.77	-0.21	8.75
Sanyo Jap Dist	64.24	68.47	-0.13	0.78
Do Acc	64.34	68.47	-0.15	0.78
Kangaroo Dist	28.36	30.24	-1.50	0.47
Do Acc	28.52	30.41	-1.51	0.47
Orient Inc Dist	29.35	31.30	+0.09	2.68
Do Acc	30.57	32.70	+0.09	2.68
Pac Tech Dist	54.54	58.17	-0.46	0.00
Do Acc	54.54	58.17	-0.46	0.00
Tiger Dist	105.8	112.7	+0.43	0.40
Do Acc	106.6	113.7	+0.43	0.40
UK Hi Yld Dist	43.78	46.70	+1.03	7.59
Do Acc	48.51	51.74	+1.14	7.59
UK Opp Dist	48.82	49.10	+0.22	1.75
Do Acc	48.98	52.39	+0.24	1.75
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	38.24	40.78	+0.52	0.10
Eur Spec Sit	27.42	29.27	-0.05	0.10
Do Acc	27.88	29.76	-0.05	0.10
Genrl Growth	69.44	73.87	-0.28	3.38
Global Tech	57.96	61.97	+0.25	0.99
Inc Growth	61.11	65.28	-0.38	4.38
Inc Monthly	61.39	65.49	-0.38	8.72
Jap Growth	75.02	79.77	-0.21	0.00
Man Equity Inc	28.27	30.21	-0.10	3.33
Do Acc	29.51	31.54	-0.11	3.33
O'seas Gth	54.94	58.71	+0.21	0.00
Smlr Cos	97.12	103.9	-0.07	2.00
Spec Opp	111.0	118.7	+0.4	2.21
WW Spec Sits	28.46	30.42	+0.16	0.10
Do Accum	28.49	30.47	+0.16	0.10
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Utd Charities	190.5	203.2	-0.4	4.43
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: Tel 01-374 0881				
Amer	59.27	63.39	+0.61	1.40
Pacific Perf	131.8	140.9	+0.2	0.50
Intl Gth	71.97	76.97	-0.14	1.00
Inc Tst	128.4	137.4	-0.1	5.00
Jap Gth	210.6	225.5	+2.0	0.10
Sml Co	145.7	155.8	-2.7	1.40
Technology	30.43	32.54	+0.07	0.10
Australia	88.53	93.66	-3.27	3.40
Uk	175.6	187.8	..	2.60
Euro Gth	60.86	65.08	+0.16	0.20
Hong Kong	25.99	27.73	-0.09	1.70
Intl	19.99	21.37	-0.16	0.00
Sing Malay	20.52	21.97	+0.38	0.30
Br Warr	27.98	29.92	+0.07	2.00
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	15.37	16.35	-0.54	0.00
Pacific Basin	25.36	26.98	-0.34	0.80
Canadian Gth	48.29	49.24	+0.18	0.10
Glmie Me	494.35	98.59	-0.06	8.95
Penny Share	28.48	30.27	-0.09	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fund	184.9	196.7	-1.5	1.35
Inc Fund	124.6	132.5	-0.7	3.90
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Sht Dtd Gilt	50.93	51.36	+0.02	5.77
US Govt Bond	54.92	54.98	+0.08	0.00
Challenger	53.81	54.52	-0.02	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	65.48	69.66	+0.31	5.85
Income	62.65	66.13	-0.42	3.80
Growth	61.76	67.62	+0.47	1.59
Prop Shares	54.36	58.46	+0.09	1.27
Smlr Cos	61.88	65.81	+0.23	1.82
European	57.17	60.82	-0.08	0.43
Far Eastern	54.73	58.22	+0.53	1.19

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988/89 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
18½	8½	A & M Gp	7½	9				
508	228	ASD	500	515		14.0	2.8	14.2
75	50	ATA Selection	68	73		2.6	3.7	16.8
39	11	Aberdeen Pet	14	16	-1			
111	46	Aberdeen Sth Hse	82	87	+2	2.9	3.1	18.0
187	146	Acal	182	188	-2	4.9	2.7	14.8
33	22	Acorn Comp	23	26	+1			
80	40	Actis Group	80	85	● +3	0.8	1.3	16.8
282	112	Airsprung	158	168		6.8	4.2	10.1
104	97	Allied Irns	95	102		5.3	5.4	10.8
83	48	Ald Restaurants	50	55	-2	2.0	3.8	3.5
131	76	Amer Bus Sys	117	122		2.4	2.0	12.8
210	151	Antler	177	182		4.8	2.7	14.8
31	28½	Apollo Watch Prods	28	29½				
262	225	App Holographics	232	242	+2			
515	170	Ashtead	236	308	-1	2.7	0.9	19.8
591	373	Aspen Comms	537	547		7.3b	1.3	23.8
330	253	Asprey	305	320		8.5	2.1	14.0
79	21	Assoc Energy	55	58				39.4
150	133	Assoc Nursing	143	148		2.7	1.8	18.6
89	72	Atlantic Sec	88	93				
342	165	Atlas Ecomments	335	345		10.7	3.1	18.3
121	111	Automagic	112	117		8.7	7.8	29.3
58	29	BBB Design	28	31	-1	2.0	6.9	8.1
49	27	BCE	27	29	●	1.3	4.8	45.2
144	92	BLP Group	120	127		4.8b	3.9	18.9
297	70	BTS Grp	87	92		5.7	8.3	
114	92	BWD	104	107	-1	5.0	4.7	8.5
275	135	Banwarco	265	275	+5	7.9	2.9	17.3
120	73	Bedford (William)	88	95		3.0e	3.3	8.3
98	71	Bensons Crisps	92	97	+2	1.1	1.2	18.7
120	82	Berry,Birch & Noble	92	93		6.0	6.6	8.9
119	92	Biston&Battersea	95	105		5.6	5.6	12.5
43	22	Bio Isolates	27	30	+1			
31	16	Birmec Inds	24	28	-1			
106	38	Blanchards	55	60				
210	183	Bletchley Motors	185	195				
780	435	Blenheim Exhib	770	790	+10	10.7	1.4	31.1
337	187	Bluebird Toys	195	205		8.3	4.2	8.0
49	29	Border TV	43	47	●	2.5	5.6	9.4
122	58	Borland	76	81	+1			
21	8½	Brewmaker	9	10½				13.2
247	133	Br Bloodstock	230	240	●	11.7	5.0	40.4
138	71	Br Island	110	120	-2	2.7	2.3	13.3
52	29	Broad St	35½	37		1.5	4.1	32.9
188	153½	Broadwell Land	180	185		5.4	3.0	6.4
550	335	Brookmount	485	505		7.7	1.6	16.1
7	2¾	Bula Resources	3¼	4				2.7
108	85	CCA Publications	83	88		4.0	4.7	25.3
151	106	CML Micro	147	152		1.9	1.3	17.1
94	47	CPU Comp	50	60				16.1
154	15¾	CSL Corp	150	153	+1	2.9	1.9	27.8
258	180	Cam Energy	230	240	+2			
69	50	Caledonian	45	55				
230	158	Campbell & Arm	213	223		8.2	2.8	13.3
131	60	Cap & Regional	125	130	+2	0.5	0.4	48.1
158	120	Carrol Phoenix	117	122	●	5.3	4.4	12.8
58	45	Cassidy Bros	52	57		4.1	7.5	6.8
297	165	Castle Comm	290	300	+2	9.6	3.3	17.9
108	60	Central Motor	103	108		3.7	3.5	11.7
226	120	Chelsea Man	207	217		3.9	1.8	23.1
182	73	Chesterpate Gp	145	152	●	6.7	4.5	9.4
113	95	Chelton Group	111	114	+1			
23	7½	Cifer	11	12½				
170	112	Cirragent	137	147		3.2	2.3	10.1
321	275	Citygate	302	307	●	9.0	3.0	10.4
321	278	Citygate CP	297	307	+2	5.0	1.7	
110	70	City of Lon	80	85		1.0	1.2	12.2
139	85	Clarkson	138	140	+1	0.7	0.5	..
177	138	Clarke Hooper	180	185	● +2	4.3	2.8	13.2
31	14	Clogau Gold	18	20				
119	68	Clyde Resources	76	78	-1			
100	35	Coesd Electrodes	42	47				20.9
25	16	Colorgen Inc	19½	21				
255	155	Colorgraphic	228	238		6.4	2.8	18.8
365	145	Colorvision	340	350	●	8.7	2.5	19.7
100	71	Co of Designers	92	97	●	4.7	4.8	11.4
87	32	Conroy Pet	53	57				
45	23	Coso Tern Invs	29	32				
320	180	Coull Micrmnore	220	240		4.2	1.8	19.3
230	138	Cook (DC)	175	180	● +2	4.2	2.4	13.0
189	101	Copymore	143	150		2.7	1.8	17.9
79	48	Corporate Prop	61	64	-1	2.3	3.7	31.8
81	63	Corton Beh	70	73	+1	0.7	1.0	12.3
510	280	Crampham	480	475		7.3	1.6	24.0
85	35	Cranbrook	58	60		5.5	9.3	23.3
95	73	Crawswick	77	82		7.4	9.0	10.8
91	73	Crown Lodge	70	75	●	3.3	4.5	
455	180	Creighton Labs	405	415	●	7.5	1.8	17.9
290	88	Crown Com	235	240	●	4.0	1.7	18.8
120	97	Davies (DY)	105	115	+2	6.0	5.5	16.8
171	116	Dean & Bowes	164	167		8.0	3.6	18.5
113	50	Delmar	58	61		3.0	5.2	12.0
205	100	Dewmaine Elec	190	200	● -2	8.1	3.1	7.6
133	90	Dewey Warren	113	116	-3			
195	106	Dolphin Packaging	157	162	-1	4.3	2.7	16.9
489	370	Drack	455	470	●	8.3	1.8	14.7
40	26½	Duelon	33½	35	●	1.3	3.8	12.9
136	101	Dudley Jenkins	113	118	● +1	2.7	2.3	16.9
98	45	Durnam (DG)	58	60				
95	61	EW Fact	78	83		4.0	4.9	8.4
64	43	Eadie	53	58		2.2	4.0	28.6
108	76	Ecoe Forestry	85	90	● -2	4.3	4.9	9.0
34	22	Eden Oil & Gas	23	28				
575	162	Elondge Pope 'A'	220	235	-4	4.8	2.1	19.6
182	105	Electron House	143	148		6.7	4.6	11.6
170	101	Elswel	120	125		8.4	5.2	10.2
234	125	Eve Group	216	223	●	8.7	4.0	12.5
150	88	Expedier Leisure	109	112		2.8	2.6	
53	19	Explaura Hldgs	44	45½				
28½	9¼	Ferrhaven Inst	10	11				
81	35	Fenway London	50	55	-2	3.3	6.2	8.9
125	125	Fergasin	135	140		6.3	4.6	10.7
140	125	Feedback	50	54	+2	3.3	8.3	16.7
81	42	Fearon Mining	33	37	+1			
72	23	Ferguson	13	14½	-½			7.7
15	10½	Fields (MRS)	34	39				
128	87	Filofax	65	70	-2	4.3	6.2	4.6
151	76	Finsbland	31	36				
75	35	Flemach	54	57	+1			
57	30	Flogas	215	225	● +5			
240	170	Floyd Energy	16½	18				
38	17	Ford Sofler	89	102	●	4.9	4.0	13.7
132	84	Forward Gp	160	170		4.0	2.4	14.6
195	112	Freeman Gp	235	248		9.0	3.7	12.9
248	213	French Conn	98	102	+5	7.0	7.4	6.2
170	87	Fuller Smith 'A'	425	445		5.1	1.2	24.8
455	385	GWR Gp	680	710		4.0	0.6	18.1
695	325	GC Flooring	48	51		2.7	5.5	39.5
80	43	Gaspace	105	110	+2	5.3	4.9	7.3
149	103	Gardner (DG)	187	192	+2	2.7	1.4	21.8
180	135	Gibbon Lyons	155	170		6.3	3.9	14.5
190	116	Gibbs Mew	255	270	-5	7.2	2.4	26.7
350	205	Global Gp	41	46		2.3	5.2	16.3
95	33	Godwin Warren	1	1		2.01		0.3
10	1	Gowrie Surface	125	130		4.0	3.1	18.0
132	88	Great Southern	208	218		8.4	3.9	14.4
272	203							

1988/89 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
228	193	Green (Ernest)	195	210	+3	8.3	3.1	11.1
41	23	Greenwich Comms	23	28				
75	50	Gwlldowen	53	58		1.9	3.4	13.7
220	145	Halls Homes	173	183		6.1	3.4	22.1
110	73	Hampson Hornmade	87	92		2.4	2.7	11.0
188	134	Handley Walker	183	188		5.1	2.7	20.9
70	55	Harmony Leisure	65	67	-1	0.2	0.3	78.5
175	100	Hathaid Estates	150	160		4.0	2.6	7.6
53½	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	50½	52	● +1	0.4	0.8	39.3
55	36	Headland Gp	40	45	+2			
93	55	Health Care	89	93	● -1	1.3	1.4	18.2
955	720	Hewetson	925	965	● +20	18.7	2.0	21.2
9½	5½	Do 'A' LV	9	10	● -½	0.2		21.2
133	88	Hewitson	118	123		4.3	3.6	15.3
85	53	Hey & Croft	78	81	●	3.6	4.6	6.3
276	133	Highland Part	270	273		2.7	1.0	
38	19	Hobson	22	25		1.0	4.2	6.9
250	171	Hodgson	183	188		5.3	2.8	11.8
133	138	Holders Tech	150	155		8.0	5.2	
168	113	Honeysuckle Gp	115	120	-2	7.5	6.4	8.4
230	123	Hornby	165	190		5.3	2.8	13.0
138	102½	HPC Group	133	137		2.7	2.0	15.2
111	39	Hughes Food	48	50		2.0	4.1	9.5
143	60	Hughes (HT)	136	139		3.1	2.2	33.8
36	14	Holmund Elec	14	17	-1			
83	52	Huntleigh Tech	75	85				
88	85	INSTEM	70	80	+5	3.3	4.4	15.5
105	40	Image Storage	45	55				
24	5	Imtec	4½	5½				
42½	25	Innoco	35	36½	●	0.31	0.8	22.3
280	103½	Interurope Tech	110	135		8.5	6.9	13.7
580	225	Interlink Express	270	285		9.2	3.3	12.4
32	13	Intl Media	19	21				
35	18	Israel (Jack L)	20½	21½	-1	0.8	3.8	18.1
55	30	JMD Group	34	36	-1			
385	312	Jaques Vert	335	345	+2	11.3	3.3	12.2
75	13	Jebsens	56	58	-4			
180	80	Johnson Fry	152	157		3.3	2.1	18.8
225	98	Johnsones Paints	222	227		2.4	1.1	15.1
383	141	JSB Elec	375	390	+4	5.3	1.4	20.9
91	65	Just Robbe	80	90		3.0	3.5	13.1
202	138	Kenyon Secs	170	185	●	9.0	5.1	16.3
227	105	Kewill Systems	222	232		2.9	1.3	17.5
54	40	Klark-Teknik	48	50		1.7	3.3	13.1
141	53	Knobs & Knockers	118	123	●	2.8	2.3	16.7
53½	36	Kalwik	50	51	● +½	1.9	3.8	14.3
87	45½	LPA Ind	68	75	●	4.0	5.6	10.5
151	93	Ladlaw Thomson	120	130	●	8.5	6.2	10.5
270	108	Lambert	110	120	+2	11.3	9.8	4.2
208	114½	LBMS Plc	118	128		2.4	2.0	12.2
85	65	Lawmar	75	95		3.6	4.2	10.2
171	150	Lincat	168	173	+1	4.9	2.9	16.6
8	5½	Lincoln Hse	7	7¼				
245	105	Lodge Care	173	180		3.7	2.1	25.3
110	95	Lon & Clydesdale	94	104	● +2	7.8	7.7	9.7
182	153	Lon Forfaiting	179	182		8.8	4.9	10.7
43	12	Lysander Ptr	15	17	-1			39.0
103	68	M6 Cash & Carry	93	98		5.2	5.4	13.3
178	100	MMT Comp	175	180		2.3	1.3	17.9
99	70	MTL Instruments	97	101		2.7	2.7	15.1
328	188	McLaughlin & Har	316	328	-2	11.3	3.5	15.4
85	63	Magnetic Materials	65	70	+1	3.9	5.7	41.2
188	100	Magnet	100	110		2.3	2.2	15.8
127	45	March Gp	45	55		2.1	4.2	5.4
538	235	Marina Dev	523	532	● -1	4.0	0.8	
34	18	Maxitech	19½	21				
40	16	Maxpromo	22	25				
95	65	Mayborn	80	84		4.8	5.9	18.1
35	15	Memory Comp	22	23½	+1			
40	8	Memcodes Ind Hldgs	17	20	+2			
350	178	Menvier-Swain	345	355		5.9	1.7	22.2
63	46	Merchant Mfrst Est	58	61		4.0	6.6	5.1
415	250	Merryhown Wine	375	390		8.0	2.1	19.2
182	122	Metal Bulletin	140	145		6.7	4.7	17.2
183	108	Metsec	140	145		4.6	3.2	14.0
135	118	Microlec	120	125	+2	2.7n	2.2	14.1

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50	28	Microvitec	38	41		2.3	5.8	12.1
220	110	Millward Brown	203	210		4.7	2.3	17.2
525	200	Miss World	515	525		10.7	2.1	22.0
374	235	Mayo	370	377	● +5	5.1	1.4	25.4
82	30	Molecular Visions	32	34	+2			78.2
143	85	Monks & Crane	107	117	+2	4.4	3.9	14.5
110	85	Morris Ashby	105	110	● +1	4.9	4.5	13.8
60	21	Mowat	45	48				25.4
124	85	Mustarfa	122	127		4.9	3.2	14.2
29	15	New England Props	25½	26½	-½			24.5
105	60	Do 10%	100	110		9	8.5	
208	100½	Norfolk House	203	208	● +1	4.5	2.2	11.7
87	31	Norbain	43	45		0.9	2.1	
60	40	Nth Sea & Gen	43	45		0.7	1.6	17.5
118	71	Northamptonn Fine	77	82	●	2.7	3.4	11.7
90	45	OIS	74	78				
35	15	Octometrics	18	21				
345	20	Orchid Tech	115	135				
273	193	Osborne & Lyle	229	238		7.1	3.0	12.7
185	116	PCT	150	160		6.7	3.7	18.4
74	26	PNL	27	30		1.7e	5.9	8.0
262	73	Paper Systems	58	75				
316	213	Pacific Sales	283	293		3.0	1.0	43.2
297	215	Parkway	240	250	● -5	4.0	1.6	15.2
28	14	Pathfinders	16	17½	● +½	0.4	2.4	15.3
14	2¾	Pavion	5¾	6½				
348	205	Pegasus	342	352	+2	10.0	2.9	14.7
350	258	Pope Group	325	335	-2	6.7	2.0	14.7
40	23	Pencom	32	35				17.0
101	67	Perkins Foods	97	102		2.5	2.5	28.7
290	138	Personal Computer	215	222		4.8	2.2	18.5
178	90	Peters (Michael)	112	117		4.9	4.3	8.2
11	5½	Pergon	5½	7½	+½			
308	95	Piccadilly Radio	287	297	-2	4.3	1.5	36.7
122	52	Pic Pat	116	120				
128	56	Plasmec	120	124		4.4	3.6	17.2
145	47	Platon	47	52				
263	182	Plum Hldgs	178	185	-4	6.3	3.5	12.5
220	65	Polyrachnic Elec	210	217	-2	0.7	0.3	28.3
144	78	Prism Leisure	139	143	●	6.0	4.3	11.2
198	100	Psion	190	194	-2	2.3	1.2	
4	1¾	Property Trust	2¾	3				
84	58	Prospective	66	71	-1	1.3	1.9	8.5
159	125	Quarto	147	152	+5	5.5	3.7	14.2
128	78	RKF	116	118	-1	3.5	3.0	22.4
470	37	Radio City 'A'	465	475		8.0	1.7	16.6
298	89	Radio Clyde	282	297	-1	7.7	2.6	17.9
138	95	Ramus	128	133	+1	3.0	2.3	18.4
33	22	Ramco Oil	23	26				
180	130	Ramac	150	160		8.3	6.0	11.7
263	121	Randsworth	251	264	+1	3.3	1.3	
206	168	Rathbone Bros	190	205		6.7	3.4	14.5
94	52	Real Time Control	48	55		2.7	5.2	14.2
72	38	Recycle Health	54	58	-1	0.7	1.3	21.7
143	83	Reliance Sec	113	120		6.3	5.4	10.9
50	26	Rolsam Motor	38	42		0.71	1.7	33.9
133	111	Rive	128	133				
103	74½	Rochwood	81	88	-1	0.5	0.5	13.7
178	148	Rode & Nolan	152	157	-1	6.1	3.9	12.1
135	104	Roskel	120	124	-1	5.4	4.4	12.8
103	85	Rural Planning	84	89	+1	2.7	3.1	17.7
161	78	SAC	115	125	-3	5.5	4.4	14.0
48	25	SEP Ind	29	32	-1	10b	3.2	10.3
98	62	SPS Consultancy	77	82	-1	3.0	3.8	17.0
135	135	Sanders Scraev	178	188	-5	8.4	4.6	17.0
207	133	Sanderson Elec	197	207		4.0	2.0	15.1
202	160	Savage	192	202		4.0	2.0	14.7
285	150	Sec Heritable	180	184	-1	7.3	4.0	15.4
217	143	Sec Archives	140	180		5.3	3.0	17.4
217	118	Select Acc	180	188	-2	3.6	2.0	19.9
21	10	SelecTV	18	19½				
193	153	Senf Comells	168	173	+1	5.3	3.1	15.8
138	84	Severfield-Reeve	97	100		2.0	2.0	
238	123	Sharp & Law	118	128		4.2	3.4	12.4
91	65	Shelton Jones	68	70		6.2	8.5	11.9
78	48	Shelton (Mercer)	52	57	●	2.7	4.9	11.4

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148	143	Sheriff Hldgs	145	150		7.0	4.7	11.9
263	98	Sherwood Comp	95	110		6.0	5.6	4.6
445	320	Sherwood Group	375	385		6.1	1.6	14.8
173	105	Shorco	170	174		5.3	3.1	18.1
440	330	Sims Food	335	345	+2	6.9	2.9	21.0
95	55	Soundtracks	55	60	●	2.9	5.0	16.5
425	394	Spa Bus	420	427	●	6.0	1.6	13.9
25	10	SW Resources	11½	12½	-½			14.5
438	336	Spandex	405	425		4.0	1.0	22.0
84	61	Specialeyes	70	73	●	1.3	1.8	17.3
63	29	Spectrum	36	38				28.7
180	68	Spice	73	78		4.8	6.3	5.9
65	46	Splash	63	68	●	3.8	5.5	10.3
118	88	Stanlers Metal	78	83	-2	2.7	3.3	
56	23	Stanco Exhib	31	34	r +1	0.4	1.2	18.0
321	155	Starhope Props	229	232		8.1		21.4
130	88	Sterling Pub	117	122	-1	4.4	3.7	16.1
95	52	Sumleigh Elect	74	77	+1	2.0	2.6	10.6
300	123	Sunset & Vine	265	275	-2			
82	38	Sutherland	75	78		2.2	2.9	30.4
325	247	Synapse Comp	275	285		4.6	1.6	13.1
91	57	TDS Circuits	62	67				
203	153	TMD Advert	200	205	●	4.0	2.0	14.0
178	135	TSB Chan Islands	172	177	●	7.4	4.2	8.6
193	125	TV-AM	190	195	+2	8.7	3.5	12.7
178	93	Telecomputing	95	100	-5	6.8	1.0	
192	125	Tagrolon GW	160	170	●	5.7	3.5	12.5
49	25	Thorpac	38	43	r	1.6	3.9	
112	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	88	95		8.1	8.6	9.9
92	77½	Toon	87	91	-1	3.5	3.9	10.5
76	68	Torex Hire	73	76	-1	3.0	4.0	
86	51	Total Systems	50	55		1.0e	1.9	9.9
78	58	Transrap Hldgs	66	73		1.3	1.8	18.0
40½	15	Tranwood	35½	36½	+½	4.0	11.1	11.3
358	221	Trenchermood	320	345	+10	6.8	2.0	9.0
100	56	Trevian Hldgs	93	96		4.0b	4.2	9.1
57	37	Trilion	57	61				
34½	21	Tudor Exhib	24	26		0.4	1.6	14.1
135	105	Tudor	115	125		6.7	5.6	10.1
165	79	UCL Group	73	83		5.3	6.8	6.5
38	14	URS Ind	25	35				
216	185	UTC Group	202	207		12.0	5.9	13.0
613	488	Utd Friendly	590	615	+5	35.5	5.9	
180	113	Usher (Frank)	119	122	-1	8.6	6.9	7.3
125	85	Video Tape Rec	118	122		3.3	2.7	13.8
36	15	Vistec	24	28				
110	81	WCP Hldgs	90	100	-1	2.1	2.2	21.1
73	43	Wadell Roberts	65	80	+10			
33	21	Walpac	24	28	-1	0.7	2.7	18.8
75	45	Waterborn	45	55		2.5	4.5	12.6
250	80	Wheeler Mackay	112	122	●	5.7	4.9	14.4
89	38	William (Ren) Hldgs	42	45	+1	0.7	1.6	38.6
157	75	Wood John D & Co	92	102	●	8.3	5.5	7.7
170	95	Woolford Boner	130	137		6.4	4.8	18.6
158	90	Wnd of Leather	137	147	+2	4.3	3.0	18.7
240	143	Wyvern	235	245	+3	4.8	2.0	24.9
80	60	Wyko	78	83		3.9	4.8	13.1
43	23	Yelverton	33	38	r -1			31.6
80	38	Yorks Tst Gp	55	58	+1	3.4	6.0	6.2
250	158	Young Group	247	252	●	4.3	1.7	11.2
78	1½	Zurich Group	41	44		2.7	6.3	
122	68	Zygal Dynamics	108	117	+1	2.7	2.5	15.0

THIRD MARKET

1988/89 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	83	ABB Bareatt	75	82	..	..	..	..
41½	11	Americomer	10	13	..	..	..	..
88	55	Audemon Res	66	69	-1	..	..	..
95	80	Ass Farmers	75	80	..	..	..	..
121	57	Beckenham	115	120	●	3.3	2.8	13.7
230	192	Breadcast	199	196	..	..	..	20.9
145	80	Chelsea Art	85	95	..	1.0	1.1	10.7
65	28	Clarmor Ind	42	47	-1	..	..	..
165	48	Comac	43	53	..	..	..	5.4
160	120	Coven Eye	135	145	..	..	..	18.1
16	5	Eglinton	8½	10	..	..	..	..
143	35	Far E Res	53	58	..	..	..	..
90	70	Hilcare	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Hotachol	26	28	+1	..	..	13.8
31	13	Intl Corona	14	17	..	..	..	..
58	30	Kemp (PE)	33	36	..	2.0	5.6	13.1
170	80	LSW	95	100	..	..	..	22.9
103	65	Leading Lar	68	73	-1	2.7	2.9	13.5
65	12	Lynx Group	18	22	..	..	..	6.8
147	88	Medircs	104	109	..	..	..	..
38	9	Norton Gp	9	10½	-½	..	..	..
38	35	Parsons Optical	32	36	..	..	..	9.5
88	58	Rastermaster	62	64	●	2.7	4.3	..
237	130	Royal Sovereign	190	200	..	6.4	3.3	12.1
118	88	Saxon	110	115	..	1.3	1.2	..
380	200	Tyear	325	340	..	1.3	0.4	40.5
136	100	UPL	98	108	..	3.2	3.2	13.5
182	120	Unit Group	140	150	..	6.7	4.6	8.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1988/89 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
974	711	Alliance	955	959	+4	37.7	3.9	34.4
138½	103	Amer Trust	129	130½	+½	4.7	3.6	28.6
254	172	Ang & O'seas	252	253	+½	9.5	3.8	37.5
87	68	Bankers	82	83	●	2.6	3.2	39.9
83	60½	Br Assets	79	80		3.6	4.5	23.6
47½	34	Br Empire Sec	45½	46½		0.9	2.0	
564	440	Br Inv	547	554		28.3	4.8	29.6
137	96	Brunner	132	134	-1	4.1	3.1	40.8
65	57	CDFC Tst	60	65		0.9	1.4	38.2
93	81½	Do 8¾% Ln	86	89		6.50	7.4	
883	615	Contl & Ind	870	885	+5	66.7	7.6	19.8
188	147	Derby Inc	178	182		15.8	8.8	15.2
210	133	Do Cap	195	200				
539	403	Drayton Cons	527	530	-3	17.6	3.3	42.1
368	197	Drayton Far East	358	363	● +1	2.8	0.8	
303	240	Dundee Lon	298	301	+1	11.7	3.9	33.3
187½	137	Edinburgh	183½	185	+½	7.2b	3.9	44.8
94	68	Electric Gen	92	94	-1	3.4	3.7	32.5
273	193	English Intl	270	273		5.6b	2.1	57.6
123	33	English Scot	118	116	-1	2.4	2.1	57.6
233	67	Ersion	80	82		1.8	2.2	58.3
248	148	F & C Eurotrust	246	248		2.7	1.1	
187	90	F & C Pacific	161	163	+1	1.6	1.0	
77	55	F & C Smaller	75	77		1.6	2.1	59.4
15	10½	First Charlotte	12½	13		0.1	0.9	
457	358	First Scot Amer	450	455	+1	20.0	4.4	31.6
134	90	Fleming American	128	129	● -½	1.6	1.3	89.6
289	205	Fleming Claver	281	283	●	9.7	3.4	34.5
137	94	Fleming Enterprise	135	137	+1	3.2	2.4	72.3
232	134	Fleming Far East	229	232	+2	1.2	0.5	
248	153	Fleming Fledgeling	221	224	●	3.5	1.6	57.6
248	154	Fleming Japan	245	247		0.9	0.4	33.6
204½	156	Fleming Mercantile	199	200½	+½	5.5	2.8	58.2
180½	132	Fleming Overseas	175½	176	● -½	4.2	2.4	58.2
175	138	Fleming Tech	172	174	● -1	2.0	1.2	
164	120	Fleming Universal	158	163	+1	2.8	1.7	75.7
130	90	For Col	128½	129	+½	2.9b	2.3	63.4
332	223	GT Japan	327	330	● +1	2.0	0.6	
108	56	General Cons Cap	104	108				
130	73	Do Inc	117	120	+4	9.6b	8.1	
169½	125	Globe Inv	163½	164½		6.2	3.9	34.4
143	105½	Govett Atlantic	136	138	+1½	4.2b	3.1	40.9
273	198	Govett Oriental	265	270	+1	1.3	0.5	
253	180	Govett Strategy	247	249	-1	5.7	2.3	49.6
320	272	Greenfriar	305	310	● -2	4.7	1.5	73.7
478	365	Gresham House	440	450		8.7	2.0	46.0
255	184½	Harbours	244	248	-1½	7.3	2.9	43.6
65½	38	Independent Inv Co	62	63	+½	0.3	0.5	
411	308	Inv Cap	395	400		21.3	5.4	28.4
140	108	Kenmort Charter	138	140	+½	4.2	3.1	42.1
144	102	Kenmort G 'wth	140	142		3.5	2.5	53.7
171	138	Kenmort Smaller	170	172		4.2	2.5	52.0
332	243	Law Debenture	329	332	-1	12.0	3.6	36.6

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81	44	Lon Amer Venture	57	59½		0.8	1.0	
128	95	Lon Merchant Sec	120	124	-2	4.0	3.3	20.5
182½	133	Merchants	176	178		7.6	4.4	33.1
17½	11½	Merrill Lynch	17½	..	● +½			
250	184	Monks Inv Tst	243	246	+2	4.4	1.8	74.8
208½	162	Murray Income	203½	205	● -½	10.8	5.3	28.8
215	149½	Murray Intl	208½	209½	-1	7.3	3.5	40.0
197	128	Murray Small	190	192	+1	2.8	1.5	98.4
319	228	Murray Venture	315	318	+1	8.0	2.5	49.8
103	90	Newthrog Inc 80	101	104	+1	7.7	7.5	17.3
184	121	New Tokyo	181	184	+1			
28	18	Nth Sea Assets	21	23				
422	308	Nthn Amer	410	412	+1	8.3	2.0	59.6
293	143	O'seas Inv Tst	204	206	+½	2.5	1.2	
173	37	Pacific Assets	171	174		1.1	0.6	
98	95	Parisbas Gp	95	100	●	3.0	3.1	21.9
55	40	Personal Assets	47	49		1.3	2.7	42.5
101	75½	RIT Cap Ptnrs	97	99		1.2	1.2	
544	415	Raeburn	533	540	● +5	25.3	4.7	30.5
76	17	River & Merc	68	72	-2			
288	237	Robeco	285					
275	215	Rolinco	272					
423	203	Romney	420	423	●	8.7	1.6	
18½	15½	Rorento	18½					
206	155	St Andrew Inv Tst	206	207		6.7	3.2	38.8
273	171	Schroder Global	267	270	+1	8.1	2.3	33.8
147	110	Scottish	143½	144½	● +½	4.3	3.0	45.4
103	79	Scot American	99½	100½		3.4b	3.4	38.9
154	113	Scot Eastern	151½	153	+½	3.3	2.2	81.7
118	74	Scot Merc 'A'	88	92	+1	6.1	6.8	19.4
120½	90	Scot Mtge	118½	120	+½	3.2b	2.7	48.0
880	693	Second Alliance	845	848		32.0	3.8	39.2
121	98	Secs Tst of Scotland	117	118		5.9b	5.0	31.5
90	62	Selective Asset	85	87	+½	7.3	8.5	
130	21	Smaller Cos	128	131		3.0	2.3	87.8
85	40	Sphere Inv	60	61	-1	2.8	4.7	
239	152	Stail Bumd	228	235		13.3	5.7	14.8
129	81	TR Australia	120	124		4.7b	3.8	39.8
88½	57	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	85½	86½	●	3.9	4.5	32.3
68½	32	TR Pacific	66½	67½	-½	0.3	0.4	
57	40½	TR Property	55	56		1.2	2.2	53.4
63	47	TR Tech Inv	60	61	+1	1.9	3.2	
144	105	TR Trustees	139½	141		3.3	2.3	77.2
257	196	Temple Bar	244	247	+1	11.2b	4.6	34.1
473	367	Throgmorton	445	449	●	17.7	4.0	31.2
390	285	Throg Dual	365	385				
197	151	Tribune	194	197		4.9	2.5	52.7
91	83	Triplevest Inc	86	88	-1	20.9	23.8	6.1
137	104	USDC Investment	131	134	+1	3.1	2.3	78.2
57	48	Value Inc Tst	56	58		2.1	3.7	31.3
138½	45	Viking Resources	55	58		2.7	4.8	25.8
138	83	Westpool	135	140	●	2.4	1.7	49.8
135	103	Witan	131	132		3.7	2.8	46.9

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 98.0 (day's range 97.5-98.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for February 16

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7650-1.7710	1.7700-1.7710	0.46-0.45pr	1.36-1.34pr
Montrl	2.0809-2.0992	2.0954-2.0992	0.28-0.23pr	0.49-0.41pr
Amsterdm	3.6677-3.6863	3.6816-3.6855	1⅛-1⅞pr	5⅜-5⅛pr
Brussels	67.99-68.52	68.27-68.48	30-25pr	84-75pr
Copnhgn	12.6515-12.7034	12.6909-12.7034	5⅛-4⅞pr	15-13⅞pr
Dublin	1.2165-1.2269	1.2232-1.2247	51-42pr	148-133pr
Frankft	3.2508-3.2663	3.2603-3.2640	1⅝-1½pr	5-4⅞pr
Lisbon	266.25-268.75	267.71-268.75	49-11pr	110-18pr
Madrid	202.44-206.00	202.84-203.84	10-3pr	30pr-par
Milan	2384.07-2391.89	2385.96-2388.08	3-2pr	7-4pr
Oslo	11.8008-11.8611	11.8413-11.8568	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Paris	11.0883-11.1210	11.1050-11.1166	3⅞-3⅝pr	9⅜-9⅛pr
Stckhlm	11.0985-11.1608	11.1510-11.1608	1⅝-1⅛pr	6⅜-5⅞pr
Tokyo	223.27-223.94	223.46-223.77	1⅝-1½pr	4½-4⅜pr
Vienna	22.89-22.98	22.91-22.94	12-11pr	36⅞-34⅞pr
Zurich	2.7596-2.7725	2.7692-2.7725	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅞-4⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	31.9671-32.1609
Australia dollar	2.0863-2.0925
Bahrain dinar	0.6630-0.6670
Brazil cruzado *	1.7606-1.7700
Cyprus pound	0.8350-0.8450
Finland markka	7.5475-7.5875
Greece drachma	270.50-272.50
Hong Kong dollar	13.8068-13.8185
India rupee	26.76-26.96
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5050-0.5090
Malaysia ringgit	4.8299-4.8354
Mexico peso	4050-4150
New Zealand dollar	2.8697-2.8808
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.5560-6.6350
Singapore dollar	3.4018-3.4056
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9431-7.0840
S Africa rand (com)	4.3849-4.3921
U A E dirham	6.4575-6.4975

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4460-1.4475	Denmark	7.1700-7.1750	Italy	1348.5-1349.5
Singapore	1.9228-1.9238	W Germany	1.8420-1.8430	Belgium (Com)	38.64-38.69
Malaysia	2.7300-2.7315	Switzerland	1.5630-1.5640	Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8015
Australia	1.1792-1.1820	Netherlands	2.0800-2.0810	Portugal	151.00-151.40
Canada	1.1830-1.1840	France	6.2775-6.2825	Spain	114.90-115.00
Sweden	6.2980-6.3030	Japan	126.20-126.30	Austria	12.97-12.98
Norway	6.6900-6.6950				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 13½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 12½ Week fixed: 12¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12⅝ 3 mth – 12$^{17}_{32}$
Selling: 2 mth – 12$^{19}_{32}$ 3 mth – 12$^{15}_{32}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12$^{11}_{16}$-$^{21}_{32}$
2 mth: 12$^{21}_{32}$-12⅝ 3 mth: 12$^{9}_{16}$-12½ 6 mth 12⅜-12$^{5}_{16}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13$^{1}_{16}$
2 mth: 13$^{1}_{32}$ 3 mth: 13$^{1}_{16}$ 6 mth 12¾
Interbank (%) Overnight: open 13 close 12¾
1 week: 13-12¾ 1 mth: 13$^{1}_{16}$-12⅞ 3 mth: 13$^{1}_{16}$-12⅞
6 mth: 12$^{15}_{16}$-⅞ 9 mth: 12¾-12⅝ 12 mth: 12$^{11}_{16}$-$^{9}_{16}$
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12¾ 7 day: 12¾ 1 mth: 12⅞
3 mth: 13 6 mth: 12$^{15}_{16}$ 12 mth: 12¾
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13-12⅞
3 mth: 13-12⅞ 6 mth: 12⅞-12¾ 12 mth 12$^{7}_{16}$-$^{5}_{16}$
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.40-9.35
3 mth: 9.70-9.65 6 mth: 9.90-9.85 12 mth 10.1-10.05
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13-12⅞ 2 mth: 13-12¾ 3 mth: 13-12$^{15}_{16}$
6 mth: 12⅞-12$^{13}_{16}$ 9 mth: 12$^{11}_{16}$-$^{9}_{16}$ 12 mth: 12⅝-12½

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1989 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1989 to Mar 25, 1989. Scheme I: 13.93 per cent. Schemes II & III: 14.41 per cent. Reference rate Dec 31, 1988 to Jan 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.171 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	9⅛-9	9⅜-9¼	9⅝-9½	9$^{15}_{16}$-$^{13}_{16}$
Call: 8⅞-8⅝				
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6$^{5}_{16}$-6$^{3}_{16}$	6$^{11}_{16}$-6$^{9}_{16}$	6$^{13}_{16}$-$^{11}_{16}$
Call: 6-5				
French Franc:	8⅝-8⅜	9$^{1}_{16}$-8$^{15}_{16}$	9$^{5}_{16}$-9$^{3}_{16}$	9⅝-9½
Call: 8¼-7¾				
Swiss Franc:	5$^{13}_{16}$-$^{11}_{16}$	5$^{15}_{16}$-$^{13}_{16}$	6-5⅞	6$^{1}_{16}$-5$^{15}_{16}$
Call: 5¾-4¾				
Yen:	4$^{5}_{16}$-4$^{3}_{16}$	4$^{5}_{16}$-4$^{3}_{16}$	4$^{11}_{16}$-4$^{9}_{16}$	4$^{11}_{16}$-4$^{9}_{16}$
Call: 2⅝-3⅝				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $383.25-383.75 Close: $382.00-382.50
High: $384.50-385.00 Low: $382.00-382.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $393.00-398.00 (£221.50-224.50)
Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£215.00-217.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $393.00-398.00 (£221.50-224.50)
American Eagles: $393.00-398.00 (£221.50-224.50)
New Sovereigns: $90.00-91.00 (£50.75-51.50)
Old Sovereigns: $90.00-91.00 (£50.75-51.50)
Platinum: $536.00 (£302.80)
Palladium: $140.25 (£79.25)
Silver: $5.85-5.87 (£3.300-3.315)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 19897		
Mar 89	206.90	206.90	204.40	205.50	4859
Jun 89	209.80	210.80	209.00	209.90	151
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 55889		
Mar 89	87.07	87.13	87.05	87.11	4921
Jun 89	87.61	87.72	87.59	87.70	12285
Sep 89	88.28	88.34	88.26	88.31	821
Dec 89	88.75	88.70	88.66	88.67	214
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 53812		
Mar 89	90.13	90.16	90.13	90.16	3671
Jun 89	89.96	90.01	89.95	89.97	6256
Sep 89	89.97	90.03	89.97	90.01	434
Dec 89	89.97	90.02	89.97	89.99	315

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 9858		
Mar 89	88-23	89-02	88-21	88-27	7046
Jun 89	88-25	88-25	88-25	88-23	10
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 36089		
Mar 89	96-10	96-21	96-10	96-14	22187
Jun 89	96-16	96-23	96-16	96-19	601
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 738		
Mar 89	106.76	106.81	106.70	106.84	35
Jun 89	105.57	105.72	105.47	105.70	333
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 22651		
Mar 89	94.13	94.32	94.08	94.30	12535
Jun 89	93.40	93.54	93.40	93.82	2147
Sep 89	NT		—	93.24	0

COMMODITIES

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Crude oil prices yesterday reflected the gains posted in late US trading Wednesday, but a thin market abandoned attempts to break out decisively to the upside. Product prices other than gasoline firmed significantly although so far this mostly reflects talk.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.10	+20
15 day Mar	16.55	+25
15 day Apr	15.90	+20
WTI Mar	18.35	+45
WTI Apr	17.50	+30

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	180-182	+1
Gasoil EEC	+5	143-145	+5
Non 1H Mar	+2	138-139	+3
Non 1H Apr	+4	137-138	+4
3.5 Fuel Oil	+6	72-73	+5
Naphtha	+4	162-164	+4

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Feb 89	Hi 1520-1519	Low	Close 1518
Mar 89	Hi 1590-1577	Low	Close 1580
Apr 89	Hi 1630-1620	Low	Close 1629
Jul 89	Hi 1445-1440	Low	Close 1442

Vol 478 lots Open interest 6477
Dry cargo index 1496 –4 on 15/2/89

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Mar	139.00-38.50
Apr	137.50-37.00
May	134.75-34.50
Jun	133.50-32.00
Jul	133.00-32.75
Aug	138.00-35.00
Sep	140.00-38.00
Vol	5780

BRENT G W Joynson

Apr	15.82-15.80
May	15.42-15.41
Vol	4472

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	84.5	83.4
May	77.8	76.4
Nov	87.5	88.5
Feb	96.0	97.5

Vol 334

LONDON FOX

COCOA	G W Joynson
Mar 853-851	Dec 881-880
May 873-871	Mar 873-872
Jul 870-869	May 875-872
Sep 883-881	Vol 7728

COFFEE	G W Joynson
Mar 1114-1112	Nov 1049-1047
May 1076-1075	Jan 1052-1050
Jul 1060-1058	Mar 1055-1050
Sep 1055-1050	Vol 4278

SUGAR	C Czarnikow
FOB	Vol: 7736
Mar 242.0-41.6	Oct 246.6-46.2
May 248.0-47.8	Dec 246.0-41.0
Aug 248.8-48.0	Mar 243.0-41.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 485
Mr 112.45 My 116.30 Jn 117.85
Sp 104.20 Nv 106.50 Ja 109.75

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 58
Mr 109.75 My 111.35 Sp 100.75
Nv 104.00 Ja 107.10 Mr 110.00

SOYABEAN
Apr 155.0-54.9 Oct 148.0-44.0
Jun 150.0-49.5 Dec 147.5-45.0
Aug 145.0-44.0 Feb 149.0-43.0
Vol 109

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1675.0-1678.0	1596.0-1597.0	46600	Firm
Lead	349.00-350.00	356.00-358.25	101350	Brly Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde*	1955.0-1960.0	1860.0-1865.0	109425	Firmer
Silver Large†	584.00-585.00	596.00-597.00	10	Quiet
Silver Small†	584.00-586.00	596.00-597.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium HP	2132.0-2133.0	2126.0-2127.0	268200	Brly Stdy
Nickel*	18200-18300	17900-18000	21240	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	100.4	100.3
Apr	103.3	103.3
Jun	105.3	105.3
Aug	103.2	103.0

Live Cattle Contract

Feb	109.0	109.0
Apr	112.5	112.5
Jun	114.5	114.5

Vol Pig-12 Cattle-2

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on February 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	80.38	137.05	108.28
GB (+/-)	-1.21	+4.83	-0.75
Eng/Wal (%)	+11.0	+8.5	-12.2
Eng/Wal (p)	80.45	136.76	109.07
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.24	+4.28	+0.07
Scotland (%)	n/a	+15.2	-7.4
Scotland (p)	77.72	137.97	105.52
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	+6.66	-0.81

* Estimated dead carcase weight

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Edited by Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Jackson the book collector turns seller

By Robin Young

"When there is a profit to be had, take it" is the sound Yorkshire advice by which Mr Tom Jackson, a former trade union leader, now runs his business.

Mr Jackson, who was 41 when he became general secretary of the Post Office Workers' Union, retired early. Before he did so, six years ago at 57, he and his wife, Kate, who had been a teacher in a comprehensive school, looked for a retirement occupation they could share.

What they settled upon was secondhand books. Mr Jackson had been a book collector: he had the complete works of GA Henty for boys. Kate was interested in children's books, he in cookery books. They started scouring bookshops in his last two years at the union, buying up books that would be the stock in their first catalogues when he retired.

They decided against a shop. Instead they looked for a house in York.

"We could not find anything the right shape, so we came to Ilkley, which I bless God for," he said.

"It is a marvellous place in the middle of the country, 200 miles from Edinburgh and 200 miles from London. And I am glad to say — though people will think he would, wouldn't he — we do have a marvellous postal service in this country. People are consistently surprised how quickly their orders arrive."

Their mid-Victorian terrace house is large enough to hold all their thousands of books in its semi-basement.

When he retired Mr Jackson had collected just 13 names of acquaintances who said they might be interested in buying secondhand cookbooks from a mail order catalogue. Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, was one, but he never bought and was, like any other non-purchaser, struck off the mailing list after receiving three catalogues.

"Kate types the catalogues on an electric typewriter and they are printed at a cost of over £50 a 100. By the time you count in postage and preparation time each one has to be costing a pound or more, so you cannot keep sending them without getting a response."

Currently his mailing list for the food and wine books is about 550, while Kate's for the children's books is shorter. They dispatch five catalogues each a year. "You know for 10 days to three weeks after the catalogues go out you are going to be at full stretch. After that there is desultory flow of orders. Then you can go buying again."

Family holidays are planned to meet the requirements of both the book trade and their daughter, Sarah Jane, aged 5.

Mr Jackson prefers each catalogue to contain a completely different selection of books. He started his side of the business on £2,000 with about £1,500 worth of books in hand. Mark-up varies according to price, with a maximum of 100 per cent on the cheapest — which still sell at only £2 to £3. The mark-up rate on the rarer collectors' items, which might be in the catalogue at up to £400, is "considerably lower."

Turnover on both lists last year took the Jacksons over the VAT registration level, but they got an exemption on the grounds that they buy more vatable goods (packaging, stationery) than they sell, there being no VAT on books.

The difficulty in developing the business now, Mr Jackson says, is not lack of customers but the difficulty of finding the right books to sell.

He is looking particularly for "anything earlier than Mrs Beeton, and 19th century books on wine". For Kate's children's books list "anything, the earlier the better — and there are a lot of collectors for books about teddy bears."

Jacksons of Ilkley, 22 Parish Ghyll Road, *Ilkley, LS29 9NE.*



Recipe for work: Tom Jackson, who has mixed his interest in cookery and books, in his kitchen at Ilkley



"It appears you're ignoring the card I sent on January 1 wishing you a prosperous new year."

Danielle's watchdog is ready to bark for the franchisee

By Derek Harris



Crusader: Danielle Baillieu

Ms Danielle Baillieu is both a journalist — with a legal background as a Bachelor of Law — and a one-time franchisee who says she has experienced the "rough side" of the franchising business.

The combination has already produced a cautionary book *Streetwise Franchising* but, intent on helping franchisees further, she is the driving force behind the establishment of an organization whose aim is to secure a better quality of franchising.

The new body is Franchisee Advice and Consultancy Trade Organisation (Facto).

Typically franchisors own a franchise format and license franchisees for individual outlets.

The trouble, says Ms Baillieu, is that too many people "pile all their savings into get-rich-quick schemes plugged by the more dubious franchise companies only to be taken for a ride."

Facto's aim is to help franchisee members by offering individual advice, or support if they are in trouble, accessible through the 100 offices around the country of the Charter group of accountants.

A case history can be sent to Facto and scrutinized from both accountancy and legal points of view.

For prospective franchisees an assessment of the franchise involved can be made for a maximum of £200, but usually less.

Facto's membership subscription costs £150 plus value added tax, or £65 for potential franchisees.

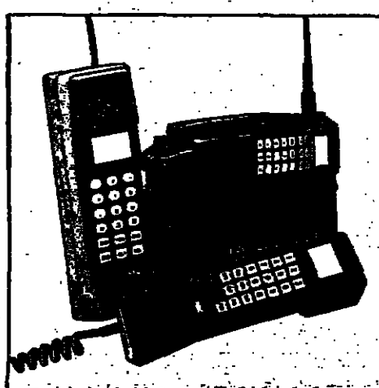
Facto aims to cover its costs but not to make a commercial profit, says Ms Baillieu.

Ms Baillieu, who is pro-franchising as a way to grow a business quickly and introduce entrepreneurs to their first small business, wants the Government to bring in statutory regulation of franchising.

Only a minority of more than 400 franchise operations in Britain at present are members of the British Franchise Association with its ethics code, Ms Baillieu points out.

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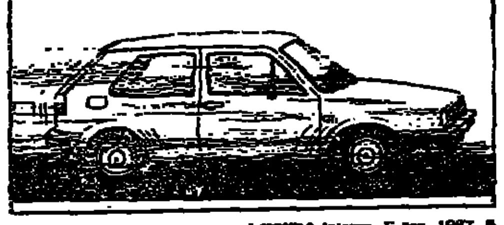
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Lonely road for clean campaign

Kevin Eason reviews Britain's uphill struggle to ban toxins from car fuels

The campaign to convince British motorists to clear the air by cleaning up their exhaust fumes is in danger of stalling. The unleaded campaign has been a seven-year grind even to get fewer than a million motorists converted to using unleaded petrol. Yet the move towards unleaded fuel is only the first shot in a long-term battle that must be waged against exhaust emissions if Britain is to match the progress of some of its industrialized competitors, such as the United States, Japan and Switzerland.

They are a decade and more ahead of Britain with strict emission laws attacking not only lead but also other health-endangering fumes, including nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons.

In Britain, campaigners are having to press the Government into a 10p to 12p tax differential to boost sales. Even so, only four in every 100 gallons of petrol sold are unleaded.

West Germany has had the equivalent of a 10p differential for a long time, and half of all petrol sold is now unleaded.

In Britain it is estimated that fewer than 200 cars are fitted with catalytic converters, devices that soak up noxious gases passing through the exhaust. The extra cost of a car fitted with a "cat" is between £200 and £900, and only a handful of models are available. None of them is from Vauxhall or the nation's market leader, Ford, and only one comes from Rover.

In West Germany, motorists with a catalyst-fitted car could get tax breaks worth £850, and the Dutch want to offer £400 rebates.

Catalysts are compulsory in the United States, where exhaust emissions are about 90 per cent cleaner than Britain's. Yet British cars built in the UK are fitted with catalysts and sold in the United States.

Why are those same models not fitted to cars for sale in Britain? Because there is no demand for catalysts, say the car-makers. Why is there no demand? Because there is no legal requirement for them and they add to the cost of a car.

Pressure groups are in no doubt that immediate progress can come only from the Government and the manufacturers, unless the European Community produces a formula soon. The Government could make a start on March 14 with a tax reduction on unleaded to make it clearly advantageous to the motorist to fill up with "green" fuel. At the moment, annual savings for the average motorist are only £30 or £40, enough to pay for conversion of the car.

An advertising campaign on the scale of the Government's anti-drink-drive push would help. Surveys show that a huge number of motorists still have not a clue what the unleaded issue is about.

A Birmingham City Council report, yet to be released, discovered that 30 per cent of drivers thought unleaded was more expensive at the pumps. It is actually 6p cheaper. In the MORI poll for Lex Service 46 per cent had no idea whether their cars could be converted.

Vauxhall's offer to convert its models to unleaded free of charge has been taken up by just 3 per cent of owners, underlining the apathy and confusion.

Virtually all new cars can use unleaded fuel. The exceptions include some high-performance models. Two-thirds can be adjusted. A disgruntled owner went to three garages to see whether his car could use unleaded or be converted. He got three entirely different answers. Another discovered his local dealer was unable to tell him whether his Montego could be converted and did not want to do the job anyway.

Fleet managers have been reluctant to have their cars converted, believing that there will not be enough "green" pumps around the country, possibly leaving their drivers stranded. They, like most other drivers, do not realize that a converted car can use leaded fuel if unleaded is unavailable.

Manufacturers are plainly reluctant to do anything too far-reaching without legislation, unless someone else makes the first move.

Characteristically, the Japanese were first off the mark. Toyota offered a range of catalyst-fitted cars in Britain at an all-inclusive price. VW now has Golf and Jetta models available, although there is a surcharge for the "cat", and Rover's top-of-the-range Sterling is available with the "cat" as a £900 extra.

Motorists who really do want to do something about the environment will be waging a lonely war, unless there is a radical policy shift in Whitehall and Britain's car factories.

As Steve Elsworth, the Greenpeace air pollution campaigner, put it: "The time for voluntary action is long gone. Around 5,500 new cars are coming on to Britain's roads every day. Cars account for 90 per cent of the toxic gases in the air. That is something that can't wait."

PETER TREVNOR



Filling up, poison-free: unleaded petrol is 6p cheaper, but the campaigners want the price cut still further

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Mercedes-Benz has come up with a "cleaner" diesel, claiming it will cut exhaust emissions by about 40 per cent and is as effective as a car fitted with a three-way catalytic convertor, *Kevin Eason, Motor Industry Correspondent, writes.*

Sales of Mercedes' conventional diesel models took a severe knock as the "green" campaign, in its key West German home market and in the United States, became a big issue in car-buying. Fumes, along with noise and lack of performance, have also restricted sales of diesel engines in Britain.

Diesels, just like petrol engines, pump out dangerous hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide. So Mercedes engineers were asked to develop a cleaner power system without resorting to external "bolt-on" filters, such as catalytic convertors, that would increase costs and need maintenance or replacement throughout the diesel engine's longer life.

They succeeded by a close examination of the way air flowed as it was compressed by the pistons. The result is an engine burning a greater fuel mix that produces lower waste and lower emissions. By-products are greater economy, adding to the 30 per cent advantage diesels already have, and better performance, which will apply to all Mercedes diesel models immediately.

ROADWISE

Hi-tech sound Pioneer

● Pioneer says it will be the first to have an in-car stereo system featuring RDS (radio data system) on sale in Britain. The new system, available in the next few weeks, is digitally coded to receive traffic warnings and other information beamed into the dashboard radio. RDS also means the end of fiddling with tuning buttons as drivers travel around the country trying to keep the best signal for their favourite radio stations. The Pioneer KEH-9000RDS promises to do that by plugging into the nearest strong signal.

● BMW has reduced prices on some components for cars up to two years old by as much as 40 per cent. The biggest savings will be on wear-and-tear parts such as shock absorbers, clutches, wheel bearings and exhaust components.

● Prices for both Fiat and Citroën are up. The Fiat increase is an average 3.3 per cent, taking the range from £2,895 for the lowest-priced 126 BIS, claimed to be the cheapest new car in Britain, to the five-door Croma Turbo at £15,995. Citroën has raised prices by 3.4 per cent.

● Good news for drivers heading for the Continent this year. The congestion around Calais should be eased by the newly completed A26 autoroute to all motorways.

● The Royal Automobile Club is offering an inspection scheme for buyers of second-hand caravans. Engineers can be called out to check chassis, towing hitches, brakes, wheels, tyres and other key parts. The cost is between £59 and £79.

People-carrying made smooth and automatic

The big estate car in the United States is a dying breed as families switch to the latest "multi-purpose vehicles" or MPVs. In Europe these seven-seaters are more imaginatively known as "people-carriers".

In the 1960s there was the rugged VW Microbus but today's people-carriers, such as the Renault Espace, launched in Britain in 1985, are cars not derived from a van. Renault has had to produce more and more of the Espace to meet demand. Several manufacturers are considering people-carriers but so far the Espace has few true rivals.

The launch this month of the four-wheel-drive Quadra model takes the Espace into an even more specialized sector, as the price of the TXE (£15,465) and 2,000-l (£17,790) rises by between £2,000 and £3,000 for Renault's answer to the Range Rover.

You get a distinctly modern-looking car that can take the family to a gymkhana without getting stuck in the mud and can cope with snow and ice. Renault says it will also pull a horsebox. Although it accelerates faster and passes 100mph more easily than the Range Rover, the 120bhp 2-litre engine lacks the lugging power of the British V8 engine.

ROAD TEST

Still, the Quadra was adept at climbing steep wet Scottish Highland fields. The front-wheel-drive Espace just spun its wheels lamely at the foot of the ascent.

Adding the drive to the rear wheels was easy and the Quadra's new rear suspension is better able to give a good ride. There are now disc brakes at the rear. The engine's power is directed to the rear wheels via a viscous coupling, which works smoothly and automatically. The driver does not have to flick levers or switches to engage four-wheel drive.

Drivers may not notice any difference when driving the Quadra, as the handling is barely changed from the FWD Espace. Despite its lofty stance the body hardly rolls in corners, road-holding is good, and the Espace is both easy and enjoyable to drive at speed. Fully loaded it would have little performance in reserve, yet for the family driver there is acceleration enough and markedly better fuel economy than that enjoyed by Range Rover owners. By estate car standards the ride is pretty good though the Espace is not particularly quiet.

Travelling in an Espace is fun because the high seats and huge area of glass allow you to see everything. For the driver there is the advantage, particularly in busy towns, that the Espace is shorter than the Renault 21 saloon.

Beneath the sleek looks the Espace has an all-plastic body bonded and riveted to a galvanized steel chassis. It does not know how to rust.

The Espace Quadra, like its rivals, is not cheap. If four-wheel drive is a prerequisite, the choice is from the Ford Sierra estate Ghia 4x4 (£17,035), Audi 100 quattro Avant (£23,526), and Range Rover Vogue (£23,029). However, the Quadra may be chosen more for its badges and prestige price than for its ability in slippery conditions.

Daniel Ward



Distinctly modern and fit for a family: Renault Espace TXE Quadra

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CRICKET

Edmonds revives country house playing tradition

By Richard Streeton

Imran Khan, Dennis Lillee, Wayne Daniel and Phil Edmonds will be regular players when Edwardian country house cricket in modern guise returns to England next summer. Edmonds, who these days has business interests in property and leisure, has contracted the overseas players to join him in making cricket at stately homes the focal point of a corporate entertainment package.

Richard Hadlee and Gordon Greenidge are among further overseas Test men that Edmonds hopes to involve in the first scheme of its type. Others taking part when commitments allow include Ray Illingworth, David Steele, Don Wilson, the chief MCC coach at Lord's, and leading professionals from the northern leagues, who are often free from Mondays to Fridays.

The project gives business companies and their clients the chance to play with and against famous cricketers during residential conferences, seminars, product launches and other occasions. "It is cricket's equivalent of pro-am events in golf," said Edmonds, who this week accepted nomination to stand for the Middlesex committee. His active career with the county ended in 1987 when they would not allow him to become a part-time player.



Edmonds: offers enjoyment

In 1989, the main site for Edmonds's programme will be Stocks Country Club, near Aldbury, Hertfordshire, an eighteenth century mansion now owned by his company and formerly the home of the Playboy Club executive, Victor Lowndes. Highclere Castle, near Newbury, home of the Earl of Carnarvon, and famous for its Egyptian treasures, has also been booked for 10 days' cricket.

This is the first of a planned chain of historic houses across the country in whose spacious grounds cricket will eventually be staged. Edmonds has also enlisted the help of players taking benefits this year and has been given dates when 10 counties would be able to bring teams for a day at Stocks.

Already several firms have booked for these when they will have the chance to take part in matches, six-a-side events or double-wicket competitions with county players. Edmonds believes that in the long term some of his events could attract interest from new television outlets seeking fresh concepts.

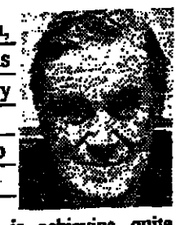
He appreciates that corporate entertainment packages would not have been understood by those who played socially and for fun at those leisured, pre-1914 country house parties. "Our 1989 equivalents, though, will share the same atmosphere and the same intention to enjoy ourselves," he said.

"Nostalgia means a lot to cricket enthusiasts and the chance to play and mix with great players at the end of their careers, or with contemporary cricketers, should bring a lot of pleasure and really catch on," he added.

Setting a fair levy on betting

RACING AND THE BOOKMAKERS

In a special article for *The Times*, Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, sums up the arguments he has made to the Home Secretary for an increased contribution to the sport from the bookmakers and for an inquiry into the relationship between racing and betting



Before the levy debate becomes obscured by a cloud of conflicting statistics and as the Home Secretary's determination of the 28th Levy Scheme draws near, it is worth trying to get a clear view of the critical issues.

First, the bookmakers want to cut the rate of levy. That cannot be disputed and, indeed, it is that cut which frustrated the Levy Board's determined efforts last autumn to agree the levy in accordance with the principles on which it is based.

The scheme the Bookmakers' Committee proposes, assuming the national Economic Research Association's estimate of leviable turnover, would yield the equivalent of a 0.82 per cent of betting turnover (£31.7 million). The 25th Levy Scheme yielded the equivalent of 0.88 per cent, or 0.9 per cent if one allows for the disappearance of avoidance under the new "per shop" scheme.

The bookmakers detect something sinister in percentages, claiming that their use turns the levy into a tax. One only has to look at what happens now to see how fanciful is this suggestion. The present Levy Scheme provides for all but a handful of the smallest bookmakers to contribute to the levy not a fixed sum but a prescribed percentage of their turnover. The total yield is dependent on the turnover during the year in question.

What will happen in the future? Bookmakers will be required to contribute to the levy a prescribed percentage of their turnover. The total yield will continue to be dependent on turnover during the year in question. In principle, no change.

No, we are using percentages as a means of setting a target yield, for one simple reason: it is the only way of expressing the relationship in terms of rates between the present type of Levy Scheme and one based on shops. It is also the only way of comparing the yield to British racing with that in other countries. Racing in Britain receives a smaller return from off-course betting turnover than in any other leading racing country.

That is the second point which cannot be disputed. Making every allowance for differences in the various national betting, racing and taxation regimes, British racing has made a strong case that it is not getting a fair return. The bookmakers have pointd out the risk of not comparing like with like. The international comparisons are complex and need to be analysed before one can safely draw precise conclusions applicable to racing in this country.

Which brings us to the third and perhaps central issue: what is a fair price for British racing to receive from the betting industry, and how is that price to be fixed?

Talk of racing's "needs" is misleading. Racing could argue, and does, that it "needs" far more, with the Jockey Club and the Horseracing Advisory Council producing an impressive shopping list, to which they must continue to give a high profile. On the other hand, on a minimalist definition of "need", the fact that each season sees the amount of racing increasing, for bookmakers' as well as racing's benefit, argues that it already has enough for basic survival. The question is not so much of "need" but of equity.

Racing would have no difficulty in spending three or four times as much money and to obvious public benefit. But what it needs is a way of striking a fair market price, That is higher than the present levy yield, but by how much?

A market mechanism would establish the proper figure but one does not exist. The levy is not a particularly satisfactory substitute, ultimately dependent on a statutory right to force the matter to be referred to the Home Secretary, which is available to the bookmakers but not to the racing industry.

How should the Home Secretary resolve the issue? In the short term, there is not the slightest case for a cut in the rate below the present level of 0.9 per cent inclusive of avoidance elimination. To accept a cut would be to deprive the racing industry of a part of its fair share of the increasing turnover and prosperity it has done so much to promote.

No, I believe there is, in fact, scope for the 28th Levy Scheme to be based on an increased rate, on which a longer term settlement between the Board and the Bookmakers' Committee could usefully be based.

Is the equivalent of at least one per cent of leviable betting turnover of nearly £4 billion really too much to ask of an industry whose market leader proudly announced last August: "*The racing division continues to break records.* In the UK, trading policies, supported by technological innovation, enable the division to achieve margins which are higher than the industry norm. The credit betting business, catering for the larger client, is achieving quite outstanding results. The introduction of Satellite Information Services is helping to increase the betting market . . . "

Why are Ladbrokes able to break records? By investing heavily, yes. By providing top class management, certainly. But they could never get off first base if racing did not make available to them and to the whole bookmaking industry the basic product around which the whole betting business is built. In this important sense the levy is no different to any other payments, such as betting duty, gas, electricity, wages or rents, which the bookmaker needs to make in order to be able to run the business.

And then, having provided the product, the racing industry gives further assistance by presenting the product in a way which is ever more attractive to bookmakers and punters.

Yet the bookmakers want to reduce the rate of contribution to the equivalent of about 3.5 per cent of their gross profit, out of which the levy and other essential overheads are paid.

But a levy equivalent to even one per cent would not resolve the fundamental long-term problems. To deal with those requires a Government inquiry into the financing of racing.

The questions crowd in: What is a fair price? How should it be measured? What are the alternatives to a levy? The development SIS into direct broadcasting into the home? Use of copyright? If the levy is needed in the medium term, how could the imbalance between the racing and betting interests be levelled? How can disputes best be taken out of the political arena? And what of the international comparisons? An international firm of chartered accountants should be asked to carry out a survey of the financing of racing in the main countries.

As soon as the Home Secretary has made his determination, we can plan, hopefully in the context of a longer term agreement based on that determination, how best to expand our income for the benefit of racing.

We shall immediately reduce the surpluses which we have unexpectedly built up because of bookmakers' inaccurate turnover forecasts, in an effort to relieve some of the hard-pressed sections of the industry to which the racing bodies point. However, in so doing, we shall continue to heed the cautionary words of the Betting Office Licensees' Association last summer: "BOLA and the Bookmakers' Committee have consistently warned the Board of the dangers inherent in planning for the future on the basis of volatile turnover projections."

This is long hand for "Don't spend until the money is in the bank". We have not and we will not, and so no more sniping at these temporarily large surpluses.

Whatever the outcome of the Home Secretary's determination, those charged with the leadership of the racing industry must ensure that the basic issues are kept firmly in front of the public and politicians.

I hope they will also have the chance to parade them in front of a Government inquiry, which my colleagues and I are asking the Home Secretary to set up, on the back of a levy yield equivalent to at least one per cent of betting turnover.

STUDENT SPORT

Loughborough hold the monopoly

By Mark Herbert

Loughborough's performance in each of the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) semi-finals on Wednesday may yet earn them an investigation from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. They won all of their matches in the five main outdoor winter championships and so will be represented in the rugby union, women's and men's hockey, football and netball finals.

Their opponents in the last three events will be Birmingham. In the men's hockey, the finishing of the Birmingham forwards was too much for Royal Hallaway and Bedford, who lost 3-0. Roberts scored first, then goals by Henley-King and Elmitt one minute before and after the interval ensured victory.

Lougborough recovered from a 2-1 half-time deficit to beat Durham 4-2, with Cross (2), O'Bryan and Wilton on target. O'Gorman and Spaight scored for Durham.

The women's hockey final, between Loughborough, who beat Swansea 3-1, and Exeter, suggests and enthralling match.

● Leeds Polytechnic beat North London 4-1 in the BPSA Football semi-final at Nottingham on Wednesday. Their goals came from Malcolm (2), Cooper and Clark, while McKenzie replied for North London. Leeds play Brighton, the champions, for the title at the same venue on March 8.

UAU SEMI-FINAL RESULTS: Football: Leicester 0 Birmingham 3; Exeter 1 Loughborough 3. HOCKEY: Men: Loughborough 4 Durham 2; Birmingham 3 RHBNC 0. Women: Loughborough 3 Swansea 1; Exeter 4 Bangor 0. NETBALL: Birmingham 43 Warwick 37; Loughborough 44 Lancaster 23. RUGBY UNION: Bath 0 Loughborough 22; Swansea 26 Newcastle 10. LACROSSE: Loughborough 0 Exeter 5; Birmingham 4 Bristol 5.

VOLLEYBALL

King falls from favour

Dave King, of Star Aquila, has been dropped from England's senior men's squad which is preparing for the West European championships, to be staged in Portugal in April (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

Jefferson Williams, the England coach, has cut his original squad from 24 to 18 and the number will be further cut to 12 before the team leaves for Portugal, but he confirmed that the door was now closed on King. "I'm unhappy at his lack of commitment to the squad," he said.

Williams has included Mark Banasiewicz, who plays for Fortuna Bonn, in West Germany, and he will be a considerable asset for Portugal if available.

The squad has its next full training session on March 24 to 26 but it has been forced to look for an alternative venue for its intended four-day training camp at Lilleshall as the facilities are unavailable.

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HOCKEY

British teams in same pool

The England and Wales indoor teams find themselves in an unfortunate position at an invitation international indoor tournament in France (Joyce Whitehead writes).

They are alone in pool B after Sweden's withdrawal and will play each other at least twice if not three times if both reach Sunday's final. Italy, France and Poland are in pool A.

ENGLAND INDOOR SQUAD: L Bellington (Essex), K Brown (Surrey), S Chandler (Kent), J Crook (Lancashire), M Edwards (Kent), T Fry (Suffolk), J Lewis (Derbyshire), C Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Suffolk, captain), L Marsden (Lancashire), D Shorney (Avon), J Thompson (Buckinghamshire).

BOBSLEIGHING

Briton's best of season

By Chris Moore

Mark Tout, the British champion, gained his highest finish of the season by taking fifth place in yesterday's two-man competition in the penultimate round of the World Cup series in Cervinia, Italy.

The Wincanton driver, aged 28, was fifth fastest on both runs of the two-lauf race to consolidate his top 10 position in the overall World Cup standings.

Nick Phipps trailed Tout by 0.86sec in ninth place yesterday to slip back to tenth in the standings.

The sixth and last round of the series takes place in Calgary next week, after which the points from each driver's best five rounds will be added up to decide the final positions.

Gustav Weder, of Switzerland, is already assured of overall victory after his fourth successive triumph yesterday, when he finished 0.40sec ahead of Detlef Richter, of East Germany.

RESULTS: World Cup Series (Cervinia, Italy): Two-man competition. 1, Switzerland I (Weder), 2min 09.26sec; 2, East Germany I (Richter), 2:09.66; 3, Switzerland II (Baracchi), 2:09.75; 4, East Germany II (Dietrich), 2:09.75; 5, Great Britain I (Tout), 2:10.49; 6, Canada I (Haydenluck), 2:10.82; 9, Great Britain II (Phipps), 2:11.35.

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Midnight Count to take command

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With the Cheltenham National Hunt festival looming it will be interesting to see how Chief Mole and Midnight Count shape up at Sandown Park today when they contest the Birchwood Novices' Hurdle and the Mole Handicap Chase respectively.

Their sights are set on the Triumph Hurdle and the Queen Mother Champion Chase. Of the two, Midnight Count would appear to have the harder task today now that Royal Stag has stood his ground.

For Gardie Grissell's young chaser now has three victories over the course and distance to his credit, the latest being that commendable effort there 13 days ago when he made all the running to beat Long Engagement by four lengths.

However, Royal Stag has since fallen at Newbury and I much prefer Midnight Count, who is clearly the apple of Josh Gifford's eye following that fine win under 12st 2lb at Wetherby just after Christmas.

Since then the Findon trainer has exercised great patience in waiting for what he regards as the right ground before risking Mr Jim Joel's big horse again.

Following Tuesday's rain he reckons that he has now got his ground. For his part, Midnight Count needs relatively little work at home so he will be fit enough.

As for Chief Mole (2.0), he must destroy the opposition today to justify his current prominent position in the ante-post betting on the Triumph. After that promising first run over timber when finishing third behind Wonder Man, on this same course a fortnight ago, I expect him to do just that.

Later in the day, stable companion Chiasso Forte can also win the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier for the Sherwood brothers.

His last run at Leicester was surely too bad to be true. Before that he had looked an above-average novice at Wincanton and Cheltenham.

Having beaten Rebel Song and Admirals All, both winners since, at Kempton four weeks ago, Celtic Flame looks sure to go well in the Stand Novices' Chase without necessarily accounting for Blueberry King.

My selection managed to put 25 lengths of daylight between himself and his nearest pursuer at Wolverhampton last time. While conceding that the winning margin would not have been nearly so great had not Yank Brown fallen two out when still in touch, it was still a decent performance.

Towards the end of a week which has finally seen the whistle blown on the two-mile champion Pearlyman's projected comeback after injury his owner, Mrs Peter Shaw, can derive some consolation by watching her progressive chaser Proverity give weight and a beating to his two rivals in the Stanley Handicap Chase.

On a day when outstanding bets do not look plentiful, Another Schedule appeals as the best to win the Bet With The Tote Novices' qualifier at Fakenham even though he and his rider Ben de Haan parted company at Sandown last time when still going conspicuously well.

Before that Another Schedule had beaten Relatively Easy by three lengths at Wolverhampton. With Relatively Easy then winning her next race by four lengths at Nottingham last Monday that form stands up. So I cannot fancy William Crump's chance of giving Another Schedule 7lb.



Peter Hobbs takes over from the injured Richard Rowe on Jim Joel's festival hope Midnight Count, who has top weight in the Mole Handicap Chase at Sandown today

Tattersalls parades £1.7million bonuses

Two yearlings sold at the Tattersalls Highflyer Sales in October will earn at least £500,000 from a single race the following season.

The auctioneers are to run two juvenile races in 1990 — one for colts and geldings at Newmarket, and one for fillies at Doncaster — which will see an injection of £1.7million in bonuses as well as prize-money from the races themselves.

The Tattersalls Highflyer Stakes at Headquarters and Doncaster's Tattersalls Yorkshire Fillies Stakes will be conditions races open to all qualifying two-year-olds — but offering a scaled bonus to yearlings bought at the Newmarket Sales, starting with a £500,000 prize for the first Tattersalls-purchased runner home.

There is a similar incentive for vendors, with £50,000 being the reward for the first Highflyer-sold horse (colt or filly) to finish.

The scheme is a response to the Goffs Cartier Million Sales, which have seen an increase in trade for the Irish-based auctioneers.

The cash injection has been well received by the Jockey Club, whose objections to restricted races have been appeased by the terms of the scheme.

"We feel these two races are very exciting," said Michael Wyatt, chairman of the race planning committee. "They fit into place in our programme very well."

Tattersalls now hope to claw back some of the profits lost to Goffs, who improved trade by 60 per cent for the first year of the Cartier Million and again by 25 per cent last year.

"I would like to see us up by 25 per cent for the first year," said Michael Watt, chairman of the auctioneers.

The races will be funded partly by an increase in sales fees and partly by entry payments for the events.

The Tattersalls Highflyer Stakes, over seven furlongs, will be held on August 25, 1990, during Newmarket's last meeting of the year over the July course. The fillies' race will be run over 6½ furlongs on September 13 of that year — the same day as the Doncaster Cup and the Kiveton Park Stakes.

Trainers plan dope response

United States trainers D Wayne Lukas and Laz Barrera have 15 days to file a response to charges lodged by the California Horse Racing Board for running horses which tested positive for cocaine. A formal hearing before a judge can take place at any time after the responses have been filed, and the board then has the right to accept or reject the judge's decision.

Four other Southern California trainers — Roger Stein, Barrera's son Albert, Bryan Webb and A J Hemmeric — have also had horses test positive for cocaine and face similar charges.

Sherwood praises Magnus Pym in Triumph build-up

Magnus Pym remains a 20-1 chance with Corals for the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle after his easy victory in the Somerby Novices Hurdle at Leicester yesterday.

The David Elsworth-trained colt, bought only a week ago from Charles and Edward St George by Bob Standbridge, a wrought iron worker from Poole, delighted jockey Simon Sherwood.

Sherwood took the 3-1 on favourite to the front approaching the last flight and the combination cruised home eight lengths clear of Papajoto to give the rider his 49th winner of the season.

"Magnus Pym settled wonderfully well and jumped brilliantly," Sherwood reported.

Elsworth, who sprang a 40-1 surprise when winning the Triumph with Heighlin nine years ago, does not return from holiday in Australia until Monday, but has two strings to his 1989 bow, the other being Urizen, who impressed at Newbury last week.

Stable secretary Chris Hill pointed out: "Urizen had the good ground he requires at Newbury, while Magnus Pym was at home on the softer going here."

Rinus, last of nine finishers in the Coral Welsh National, gave Greystoke trainer Gordon Richards a post-operation tonic by winning the Trial Handicap Chase.

The eight-year-old, who picked up a 3lb-penalty for the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham festival, jumped well throughout to win by 1½ lengths.

Jenny Pitman, who saddled only five winners before December, brought off a 4-1 double with Undaunted and Willsford to get within one of her best total of 46 winners in a season.

Her son Mark, who partnered the pair, is enjoying his most successful campaign with 31 winners.

Willsford, bought unbroken in Ireland, was tackling fences in public for the first time, but got the better of High River by eight lengths as the pair forged clear over the last two fences in the Thurnby Novices Chase.

Mrs Pitman reckons that Undaunted, who captured the Oadby Novices' Hurdle by a similar distance, will be a decent performer when he gets his jumping together and his problem of sore shins can be solved.

Martin Pipe, on the verge of passing Michael Dickinson's 1982-83 record of £358,837 in prize-money, sent Au Bon to land a gamble in the Vicarage Claiming Novices Hurdle.

● Mark Dwyer was not fit enough to ride at Leicester and Jimmy Fitzgerald reported that his stable jockey may delay his comeback until next week.

Frost prospect out for season

Jimmy Frost equalled his best score of 30, set last season, when he won on Lockwood Prince at Taunton yesterday — and then revealed that rising star The Bakewell Boy, potentially the best horse the Frosts have had, is on the injured list and out for the rest of the season.

Unbeaten in three starts over fences, The Bakewell Boy was due to run in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham, but Frost reported: "He has sprained a tendon. It's only very slight, but we are taking no chances, he's too good, and he's out for the rest of the season."

Tiverton trainer John Baker saddled his first double of the season with Dominion Treasure and Sterling Silver.

Stamina gains the day for tough Lucky Baloo

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

When Granville Hotel went clear of the pacemaker, Lucky Baloo, between the last two flights, victory looked assured in the Amstel Lager Hurdle at Thurles yesterday for the 6-4 favourite.

Tommy Carmody, the five-year-old's jockey, pulled up his goggles and leisurely looked at the struggling opposition, but within the space of 50 yards, the pattern of the race underwent an astonishing transformation.

From cantering Granville Hotel slowed to a walk, and Lucky Baloo rallying well regained the lead and went on to win by 10-lengths for Donald Swan, who combines training with the running of a Tipperary restaurant. The mare was ridden by his son, Charlie.

"Thurles is my favourite racecourse," said the winning trainer. "Lucky Baloo will now go chasing. I will make a decision on Sunday about running Atteses in the Champion Hurdle."

Michael Morris, the trainer of Granville Hotel, was not too despondent about the second successive defeat for his £100,000 purchase: "He is a very stuffy horse and this race should have him right on target for his next outing at Punchestown tomorrow week."

Mystic Music best

Flying Ace has been beaten on each of his seasonal debuts in the last three years, though he won the Fife Hunt Club Hunters Chase at Edinburgh on his second outing in 1988. (Brian Beel writes). Today, it may be safer to rely on MYSTIC MUSIC, the recent Wetherby winner.

***I GOT STUNG* has an easy task in the Walter Wales Cup at Fakenham.**

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Chief Mole. 2.30 Midnight Count. 3.05 Blueberry King. 3.35 Chiasso Forte. 4.05 Proverity. 4.40 Record Flight.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.05 CELTIC FLAME (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 BLUEBERRY KING.

Going: good (back straight good to firm)

2.0 BIRCHWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,679: 2m) (7 runners)

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103 36 DEEP SENSATION 77 (R Eliot) J Gifford 11-0 ... E Murphy 91
104 60 GENERAL SILKY 30 (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 11-0 ... H Davies —
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FORM CHIEF MOLE made a very pleasing debut over course and distance (soft) when 8½l 3rd of 15 to Wonder Man with GENERAL SILKY (levels) never a factor out of the first 10 of 21. Sure to come on for that run and looks to have found an ideal opportunity to open his account.

DEEP SENSATION 12l 3rd of 19 to Look Lively at Newbury on hurdling debut (2m 100yd, good) in November; latest a distant 6th of 15 behind Al Ascoof over course and distance (good).

SUBMARINER ran a fair race when 5th of 12 to Madis at Lingfield (2m, soft), but has been soundly beaten since.

Selection: CHIEF MOLE

2.30 MOLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,525: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

201 12/F41-1 MIDNIGHT COUNT 82 (CD,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 9-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs 95
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203 3/2414-3 YALE 8 (G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-0 ... G O'Dwyer —
204 161-436 BENDICKS 21 (D,S) (D Humphreys) X Moore 7-10-0 ... G Moore 75
205 F3F4F6 CRADLE OF JAZZ 2 (D,F,S) (K Britten) J Old 9-10-0 ... C Llewellyn —

Long handicap: Yale 9-3, Bendicks 7-8, Cradle Of Jazz 6-7.

BETTING: 8-13 Midnight Count, 7-2 Royal Stag, 8-1 Yale, 12-1 Bendicks, 20-1 Cradle Of Jazz.

1988: PADDYBORO 10-11-10 R Rowe (9-1) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM MIDNIGHT COUNT won comfortably on seasonal debut at Wetherby (2m 50yd, good) beating Somerled St. Carries weight well. ROYAL STAG, a faller last time at the 8th in h'cap won by Mr Key; earlier won well when beating Long Engagement 4l over course and distance (good).

YALE looked backward when 33l 3rd of 7 finishers behind High River at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, good). He faces a stiff task.

BENDICKS won novice chases at Windsor and Newbury last season; latest 6th beaten 40l by Pukka Major (gave 18lb) at Wincanton (2m, h'cap).

Selection: MIDNIGHT COUNT

3.5 STAND NOVICES CHASE (£3,080: 2m 4f 68yd) (5 runners)

301 U10121 BLUEBERRY KING 11 (F,G) (R Glider) A Turnell 8-11-7 ... P Scudamore ● 99
302 1UFU11 CELTIC FLAME 26 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 8-11-7 ... D Skyrme (7) 90
303 FD3215 HOGMANAY 8 (CD,F) (R Hurst) R Casey 7-11-7 ... J Osborne 82
304 6P-211F VICARS LANDING 82 (D,F) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 8-11-7 ... S Sherwood 86
305 P0P/62-0 MR PARKER 22 (F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-6 ... C O'Dwyer —

BETTING: 7-4 Vicars Landing, 2-1 Celtic Flame, 3-1 Blueberry King, 8-1 Hogmanay, 12-1 Mr Parker.

1988: DAD'S GAMBLE 7-11-7 R Rowe (3-1 jt-fav) J Gifford 11 ran

FORM BLUEBERRY KING, has taken to fences well, beat Diamond Digger 25l at Wolverhampton (2m, good) where he has won three times over fences. CELTIC FLAME, looks to be on the upgrade, put up a good performance at Kempton (2m 4f, good) when quickening well to beat Rebel Song 4l.

HOGMANAY faced a tough task when a distant last of 5 finishers behind Vulgan Warrior at Ascot (3m, good); earlier was all-out to beat Another Schedule a short-head over course and distance (good to firm).

VICARS LANDING held every chance when falling 2 out in the race won by Longriver Lady at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good); earlier faced a straightforward task when beating Narana 10l at Doncaster (2m 4f, good to firm). MR PARKER, a useful hurdler, looked backward and weakened quickly to finish a well-beaten 8th of 11 behind Zuko at Huntingdon (3m ch, good to soft).

Selection: VICARS LANDING

3.35 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,702: 2m) (11 runners)

401 0/4-126 CHIASSO FORTE 17 (D,G) (D Hale) O Sherwood 5-11-10 ... S Sherwood ● 99
402 6-12 WESTERN LEGEND 22 (D,BF,S) (Miss J Laing) J Edwards 5-11-5 ... T Morgan 96
403 P CARDINAL RALPH 13 (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 5-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
404 122-46 DIS TRAIN 72 (D,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ... M Pitman 96
405 EL POLITICASTRO (R Campbell) M Usher 5-11-0 ... K Mooney —
406 9-00 QUEEN'S BISHOP 65 (J Keane) K Bailey 6-11-0 ... Mr A Tory (7) —
407 0-04440 R LAD 21 (W Roker) M Madgwick 5-11-0 ... H Davies 85
408 3 ROMANY KING 36 (L Garrett) G Balding 5-11-0 ... J Frost 85
409 2-0 TENIENTE 13 (S Lawson) J Gifford 5-11-0 ... E Murphy —
410 0 CHATTY CORNER 38 (N Dempster) J Old 5-10-9 ... C Llewellyn —
411 6F5022 JANE CRAIG 16 (BF) (Mrs J Duckett) R Dickin 6-10-9 ... M Jones (7) 87

BETTING: 2-1 Chiasso Forte, 9-4 Western Legend, 4-1 Dis Train, 13-2 Teniente, 8-1 Romany King, 16-1 others.

1988: TUNS HILL 6-10-7 M Jones (14-1) R Dickin 24 ran

FORM CHIASSO FORTE scored by 4l from True Loop at Wincanton (2m, good); hampered 2 out when 10l 2nd to Hewthorn Hill Lad at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start; failed to show true form when 6th, beaten over 50l, by Tel-Echo. WESTERN LEGEND beat Big Diamond 4l at Leicester (2m, good to soft); latest at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good to soft) beaten 10l by Frozen Minstrel.

DIS TRAIN, a bumper winner at Kempton last season, is best judged on 15¾l 4th to Wishlon at Newbury (2m 100yd, good) on hurdling bow. ROMANY KING made a promising debut at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) when 19l 3rd to Georgie with CHATTY CORNER 28l 8th.

JANE CRAIG produced her best effort this term when 4l 2nd to Tod Lad at Hereford (2m, good to soft) earlier this month.

Selection: CHIASSO FORTE

4.5 STANLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,124: 3m 118yd) (3 runners)

501 111/1-11 PROVERITY 28 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 8-11-10 ... T Morgan 95
502 531432 PRINCE METTERNICH 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Eddell) C Bell 8-11-2 ... J Osborne ● 99
503 22024F DIRECT APPROACH 35 (D,F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 9-11-1 ... Peter Hobbs 97

BETTING: 1-2 Proverity, 5-2 Direct Approach, 11-2 Prince Metternich.

1988: TORSIDE 9-11-6 M Perrett (8-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM PROVERITY has won his last 6 races over fences, including a 2½l defeat of stablemate Dinny Walsh at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good to firm) last month. PRINCE METTERNICH made most to win handicap chases at Wetherby and Newcastle in October; 1l 2nd to Rausal, pair 20l clear, at Bangor (3m 4f, good to soft) last time.

DIRECT APPROACH won amateur riders' event at Cheltenham (3m, good to firm) by a neck from Goodman Point on seasonal bow; placed in handicap company on four occasions since, but has been let down by sketchy jumping; latest fell 7th in h'cap won by Comeragh King.

Selection: PROVERITY

4.40 CARDINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,595: 2m 5f 75yd) (8 runners)

601 160-062 WESTWAY 7 (G,S) (Lady Harmsworth-Bland) D Grissell 6-11-10 ... I Lawrence ● 99
602 PP-1155 IMADYNA 53 (F) (E Parker) D Barons 7-11-8 ... P Holley 99
603 60/420-6 TIPTONIAN 9 (G) (T Lowe) K Bridgwater 10-11-3 ... D Bridgwater (7) 90
604 231400- GOLDEN FOX 317 (G) (W Wade) G Enright 7-11-0 ... M Jenner (7) 82
605 4-0310P WILLOW GORGE 27 (D,F) (J Barr) Miss B Sanders 6-10-11 ... J Hall (7) 96
606 093053 RECORD FLIGHT 9 (S) (F Crumpler) R Hodges 5-10-8 ... W Irvine 96
607 805165 THE END 67 (F,S) (G Groves) J Davies 9-10-1 ... J Hoardeman (7) 92
608 080061 ON HIS OWN 21 (D,G) (Whitcombe Manor Stables) N Mitchell 6-10-0 ... D Skyrme (7) 88

Long handicap: On His Own 9-9.

BETTING: 5-2 Record Flight, 7-2 Westway, 11-2 Imadyna, 7-1 Willow Gorge, 10-1 On His Own, The End, 14-1 Golden Fox, Tiptonian.

1988: HILL-STREET-BLUES 10-11-5 D Tegg (4-1) J Fox 16 ran

FORM WESTWAY, 6th in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, heavy) last year, good 1l 2nd to Henry Mann (gave 1lb) at Newbury (2m 4f, good). IMADYNA landed a similar event at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) by 7l from Copse And Robbers in October with THE END well-beaten; creditable 5th to Cruising Altitude at Kempton (2m, good to firm) last time. WILLOW GORGE beat Popeswood ¾l, pair 15l clear, at Windsor (2m 6f, good to firm) in January. RECORD FLIGHT was beaten two necks by Saddlers Night in a similar event at Ascot (2m 4f, good) earlier in the month. Should confirm Plumpton form with WESTWAY.

ON HIS OWN came to hand when beating Lapiaffe ¾l at Wincanton (2m 6f, good) last time

Selection: RECORD FLIGHT (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	13	60	21.7
D Grissell	3	17	17.6
J Gifford	30	190	15.8
G Balding	13	91	14.3
J Edwards	4	37	10.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
E Murphy	7	35	20.0
M Pitman	3	18	16.7
J Frost	5	31	16.1
S Sherwood	9	60	15.0
H Davies	11	76	14.5
P Scudamore	15	106	14.2

Only qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-9 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

EDINBURGH

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Explosive Spirit. 2.15 Gold Options. 2.45 Eastern Oasis. 3.15 Workmate. 3.45 Flying Ace. 4.15 Jane's Delight. 4.45 Judges Fancy.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Mystic Music.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Mystic Music.

Going: good

1.45 GOREBRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,088: 2m) (15 runners)

1 F060-01 BOBBIE STACK 148 (D,G) (I Dalgleish) W Fairgrieve 5-11-8 ... G Bradley 91
2 4 GARDEN CENTRE BOY 87 (J McKellar) J S Wilson 5-11-3 ... P Niven 86
3 0P5 PELUMICA 21 (T Dyer) J Parkes 5-11-3 ... R Fahey (4) —
4 022124 AL MUHALHAL 8 (D,F) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds E Plc) N Tinkler 4-10-13 ... G McCourt 90
5 F12P EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT 18 (CD,G) (J Gordon) G Moore 4-10-13 ... J Callaghan (7) ● 99
6 HOLYROOD 346F (G Swordy) V Thompson 5-10-12 ... K Jones —
7 5- LACK OF PEARLS 582 (P Johnson) R Woodhouse 5-10-12 ... L Wyer —
8 3000 BRIGHT HOUR 13 (W Chapman) D Chapman 4-10-7 ... D Byrne (4) —
9 600 CALEDONIAN LAD 82 (The Caledonian Racing Club) J Jefferson 4-10-7 ... — 92
10 66 FURNACE MILL 14 (R Allan) R Allan 4-10-7 ... J K Kinane 94
11 I'M ALERT 122F (J Cringan) J Ellen 4-10-7 ... D Poole (7) —
12 6 SUKAAB 42 (T Hurst) B McLean 4-10-7 ... B Storey —
13 ANN'S GOLD 196F (G Swordy) V Thompson 4-10-2 ... S Cunningham (7) —
14 6P LETS GO ALLEGRO 35 (J Russell) J S Wilson 4-10-2 ... A Orkney —
15 F0 MANNA FROM HEAVEN 9 (D Jefferson) D Moffatt 4-10-2 ... C Dennis (4) —

BETTING: 11-4 Garden Centre Boy, 3-1 Al Muhalhal, 4-1 Explosive Spirit, 9-2 Bobbie Stack, 8-1 Caledonian Lad, 10-1 Furnace Mill, 14-1 Bright Hour, 16-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.15 HOWGATE NOVICES CHASE (£1,228: 2m) (7 runners)

1 3121U1 GOLD OPTIONS 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-12-5 ... Mr J Queally ● 99
2 233312 RINGMORE 8 (CD,F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 7-11-12 ... R Fahey (4) 88
3 28-F06F BLEANAHOUREE 20 (L Aggio) W Fairgrieve 10-11-5 ... J Hansen 80
4 44-P040 DODANI 28 (F) (B Farrell) S Payne 8-11-5 ... D Wilkinson —
5 3144-22 MASNOON 13 (BF,F,G,S) (J Eyre) Denys Smith 6-11-5 ... P Niven 97
6 P6066-4 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 28 (S) (T Beaty) R Allan 8-11-5 ... Ger Lyons (4) 83
7 463635 MAW BROON 66 (S) (A Brown) W Fairgrieve 6-11-0 ... Mr N Wilson (7) —

BETTING: 4-5 Gold Options, 2-1 Masnoon, 7-1 Ringmore, 14-1 Maw Broon, 20-1 others.

1988: PYJAMAS 7-11-5 P Tuck (9-1 fav) G Richards 14 ran

2.45 MUSSELBURGH STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,324: 3m) (9 runners)

1 023425 ISHKOMARA 43 (C,F,G) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-10 ... P Niven 92
2 251623 LEON 25 (BF,G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds E Plc) N Tinkler 7-11-5 ... G McCourt 96
3 343011 MR FENWICK 27 (CD,F,G) (J Eyre) Denys Smith 5-11-1 ... D Crossman (7) ● 99
4 01/F-00P COOL RECEPTION 20 (S) (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 8-10-13 ... A Merrigan —
5 50-0P21 SCANDALOUS RUMOUR 25 (CD,G) (Mrs J Milligan) Miss M Milligan 8-10-11 ... S Turner 91
6 U4F032 EASTERN OASIS 7 (F,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 6-10-5 ... D Byrne (4) 92
7 0P4414 PHOTINIA 35 (C,F) (W Parratt) T Fairhurst 4-10-0 ... R Fahey (4) 91
8 053610 NEW KINGSGROVE 27 (V,CD,G,S) (P Purcell) P Monteith 10-10-0 ... L O'Hara (7) 92
9 0/3P0-0U MR STEADFAST 44 (S) (S G Payne) S Payne 7-10-0 ... D Wilkinson 89

Long handicap: Photinia 9-13, New Kingsgrove 9-13, Mr Steadfast 9-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Fenwick, 7-2 Scandalous Rumour, 5-1 Leon, 7-1 Eastern Oasis, Ishkomara, 8-1 Photinia, 10-1 New Kingsgrove, 16-1 others.

1988: RAPIER THRUST 6-11-8 M Dwyer (4-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 17 ran

3.15 KILMANY CUP (Handicap chase: £1,641: 3m) (6 runners)

1 3133-43 TARTAN TORCHLIGHT 31 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 9-11-10 ... N Doughty 88
2 2-88022 WORK MATE 25 (F,G) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-8 ... Mr J Bradburne ● 99
3 3-85213 TASAR 14 (B,CD,F,G) (Charlotte Lady Reay) W A Stephenson 8-11-1 ... J O'Gorman (4) 96
4 482022 TRAILING ROSE 17 (S) (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 10-10-12 ... P Niven 98
5 00352P GREENHILL HALL 44 (F,G) (Don Enrico Incisa) N Tinkler 13-10-6 ... G McCourt 97
6 0-58303 PAUPER MOON 25 (S) (W Hind) W Reed 9-10-0 ... T Reed 97

BETTING: 5-2 Work Mate, 3-1 Tasar, 7-2 Tartan Torchlight, 9-2 Trailing Rose, 10-1 Greenhill Hall, 12-1 Pauper Moon.

1988: OAKEN 7-11-10 M Dwyer (13-2) Denys Smith 7 ran

3.45 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP (Hunter chase: £918: 3m) (6 runners)

1 304641- BENTOM BOY 269 (D,F,G,S) (Major M Sample) M Sample 14-12-7 ... M Sample (7) 83
2 111110- FLYING ACE 258 (CD,F,G,S) (A Calder) A Calder 13-12-7 ... Miss D Calder (4) ● 99
3 2/2122-1 MYSTIC MUSIC 13 (F) (Miss H Wilson) Miss H Wilson 10-12-2 ... K Anderson (4) 94
4 F8/U325- CHEERIE CHIEF 263 (D,G,S) (H Barclay) H Barclay 13-12-0 ... G Robinson (7) 78
5 48/6046- CHERRY BRAVE 301 (M Thompson) J Johnson 8-12-0 ... M Thompson —
6 1/P- WHISTLING THORN 307 (D,S) (Miss Vaughan) Miss A Vaughan 10-12-0 ... D Mactaggart (7) 86

BETTING: 11-10 Flying Ace, 2-1 Mystic Music, 6-1 Cheerie Chief, 7-1 Bentom Boy, 16-1 others.

1988: FLYING ACE 12-12-0 Miss D Calder (8-11 fav) A Calder 12 ran

4.15 WEST LINTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,184: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 353123 JANE'S DELIGHT 7 (G) (Mrs K Berry) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10 ... D Byrne (4) 93
2 043334 KHARIF 21 (Tag Design Limited) R Allan 5-11-3 ... R Marley 98
3 4-30059 PALM READER 13 (G Turner) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 ... A Merrigan 96
4 00-0028 BORDER SPARK 52 (Mrs V Gilmour) G Richards 6-11-0 ... N Doughty ● 99
5 2604-66 HI WALLIE 81 (S) (Mrs V Scott Watson) Miss M Bell 7-10-12 ... B Storey 95
6 8-26500 COPELAND LAD 17 (R Seagrave) J Johnson 7-10-11 ... Ger Lyons (4) 94
7 5481 SONSIE MO 7 (F) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-10 (4ex) ... R Fahey (4) 94
8 6/00P-F2 RUSTYS SPECIAL 16 (G Brown) D Burchell 7-10-4 ... — 90
9 108330 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 13 (G) (W Chapman) D Chapman 4-10-4 ... G McCourt 98
10 8-00504 ALISTAIRS GIRL 48 (Miss E Reed) W Reed 6-10-4 ... T Reed 90
11 000063 ROMAN MOOR 13 (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 6-10-4 ... P Harte (4) 95
12 U40602- QUIVERING 263 (Mrs P Robertson) Miss Z Green 8-10-0 ... J O'Gorman (4) 96
13 0P/04 MABEL ALICE 25 (A Whillans) S Leadbetter 6-10-0 ... J Hansen 87
14 08-405F GEEBEETEEVEE 25 (Greer & Ball Television) Mrs S Austin 6-10-0 ... D Wilkinson 91

Long handicap: Quivering 9-13, Mabel Alice 9-13, Geebeeteevee 9-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Jane's Delight, 9-2 Sonsie Mo, 11-2 Roman Moor, 7-1 Palm Reader, 8-1 Precious Memories, 10-1 Border Spark, 12-1 Hi Wallie, 14-1 Rusty's Special, 15-1 others.

1988: COPPER STREAK 8-11-10 C Hawkins (4-1 fav) N Crump 15 ran

4.45 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,100: 2m) (14 runners)

1 2 JUDGES FANCY 14 (J de C Scott) C Tristine 5-11-10 ... P Harley (7) —
2 8 SAILOR'S DELIGHT 20 (T P M McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-11-10 ... J Doolan (7) —
3 9 D'OR MADDONA 42 (F Sawyer) B McLean 5-11-5 ... P Harte (4) —
4 14 JOLEJESTER 20 (BF,G) (E Barber) C Elsey 4-11-2 ... C Ryan (7) —
5 6 BALDWIN MILL 42 (R Sutton) A Fowler 4-11-0 ... D Byrne (4) —
6 8 BANTEL BALOCCO 20 (C Bell) Miss M Bell 4-11-0 ... Ger Lyons (4) —
7 BUCKANHARA (Mrs A MacDonald) R Goldie 4-11-0 ... G Stokes (7) —
8 JOCK'S PERIL (A Green) W Fairgrieve 4-11-0 ... G Thompson (7) —
9 8 PARTY PERIL 20 (A Green) W Fairgrieve 4-11-0 ... Mr C Sample (4) —
10 TOWN ATHLETE (Oaklea Bloodstock Limited) E Alston 4-11-0 ... J O'Gorman (4) —
11 YOUNG POKEY (P Cockcroft) C Tinkler 4-11-0 ... R Fahey (4) —
12 5 GUERNSEY GIRL 28 (A Philips) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-9 ... J Hayes (7) —
13 9 SANJO 20 (A Brown) W McGhie 4-10-9 ... Mr K Anderson (4) —
14 9 WORKING SUCCESS 42 (William Cowan & Son Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9 ... N Smith (7) —

BETTING: 2-1 Judges Fancy, 11-4 Jolejester, 9-2 Guernsey Girl, 6-1 Young Pokey, 10-1 Baldwin Mill, 12-1 Bantel Balocco, 14-1 Sailor's Delight, 16-1 others.

1988 (Div I): MINERAL DUST 5-11-3 J Dillon (3-1 fav) W A Stephenson 14 ran

(Div II): PANTOMIME PRINCE 5-11-3 S Turner (11-8 fav) C Thornton 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
A Calder	2	2	100.0
T Fairhurst	2	3	66.7
C Elsey	3	6	50.0
Miss K Milligan	1	2	50.0
W Reed	1	3	33.3
G Moore	5	19	26.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Miss D Calder	2	2	100.0
C Ryan	1	2	50.0
G McCourt	3	8	37.5
S Turner	5	16	31.3
P Niven	11	46	23.9
A Orkney	2	10	20.0

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FAKENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Soaring Eagles. 2.30 Numerate. 3.0 Certain Style. 3.30 ANOTHER SCHEDULE (nap). 4.0 I Got Stung. 4.30 Tamatour.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 Feile Na Hinse.

Brian Beel's selection: I Got Stung.

Going: good

2.0 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,030: 2m 80yd) (12 runners)

1 -041 MURHAF 46 (D,F) W Perrin 6-12-0 ... M Bowlby
2 322U NAUTICAL BELLE 53 J Ringer 5-11-6 ... S McNeill
3 1356 LUCKY BLAKE 23 (D,G,S) J Jenkins 6-11-5 R Dunwoody
4 9036 TINA'S SONG 4 P Howling 4-11-0 ... M Furlong
5 4P0F BLUSHING SPY 17 (B) C Spares 6-10-13 J McLaughlin
6 00PP FISHING SMACK 8 (D,S) B Byford 6-10-11. Mr T Moore
7 P0PP WILL RAINE 8 C Spares 5-10-10 ... J Barlow
8 P506 SILENT HERO 28 (B) A Blackmore 5-10-10 J Railton (4)
9 0P05 TWO TOTAL 11 S Dow 4-10-10 ... —
10 -U00 RUN TO WORK 159 T Kersey 5-10-10 ... Lorna Vincent
11 4663 SOARING EAGLES 7 T Kersey 5-10-10 Susan Kersey (7)
12 0002 YUVRAJ 17 (BF) B McMath 5-10-10 ... A Carroll

9-4 Lucky Blake, 3-1 Murhaf, 4-1 Nautical Belle, 7-1 Soaring Eagles, 8-1 Yuvraj, 14-1 Tina's Song, 20-1 others.

2.30 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,586: 3m) (7)

1 2112 MATRIC 21 (BF,G,S) J Blundell 8-12-0. S Smith Eccles
2 53U5 PERROQUET 20 (CD,G,S) G Vergette 9-11-12 ... Mrs J Saunders
3 2332 NUMERATE 24 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) O Sherwood 10-11-10 ... M Richards
4 -253 DICTALINO 11 (B,BF) C Brooks 8-11-8 ... B de Haan
5 42F3 SASSANOCO 23 (C,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-10-12. R Beggan
6 0326 FEILE NA HINSE 22 R Champion 6-10-9 ... M Lynch
7 6545 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 7 (F,G,S) T Kersey 8-10-0 ... A Carroll

15-8 Numerate, 9-4 Matric, 5-1 Perroquet, 6-1 Feile Na Hinse, 8-1 Dictalino, 14-1 Sassanoco.

3.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £988: 2m 80yd) (11)

1 4212 CERTAIN STYLE 7 (B,D,BF,S) O Sherwood 6-11-10 ... M Richards
2 000/ BEACHAMWELL 641 M Skinner 7-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
3 00-6 BEN TIRRAN 6 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-0 ... D Telfer (7)
4 00-P BURROMARINER 60 Mrs E Heath 5-11-0 ... Mr P Harding-Jones
5 2- ESSBEEDEE 356 J Harris 5-11-0 ... J Harris
6 HARD TO PLEASE W Kemp 5-11-0.. Mr H Kinnegan (7)
7 5800 INTO THE TREES 15 C Tristine 5-11-0 ... J Shortt
8 6 KELLYS PAL 69 Mrs E Andrews 6-11-0. Mr S Andrews
9 0000 MAC'S MATE 11 W Kemp 7-11-0 ... S McKeever (7)
10 0 MANDYS MAN 14 J Harris 6-11-0 ... Dale McKeown
11 60 OFFICER GROWLER 38 Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles

6-4 Certain Style, 13-8 Ben Tirran, 11-2 Essbeedee, 12-1 Officer Growler, 20-1 Into The Trees, 25-1 Hard To Please.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,423: 3m) (4)

1 1142 WILLIAM CRUMP 20 (BF,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-10 ... R Beggan
2 P21U ANOTHER SCHEDULE 14 (F,G) C Brooks 8-11-3 ... B de Haan
3 4322 SHOULD NEVER BE 11 (F,G) J Jenkins 8-10-10 ... S Smith Eccles
4 0686 THE COBALT UNIT 8 B Byford 10-10-10 ... Mr T Moore

11-8 Another Schedule, 2-1 William Crump, 5-2 Should Never Be, 33-1 The Cobalt Unit.

4.0 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP (Hunter chase: amateurs: £1,590: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 11D- I GOT STUNG 289 (D,F,G,S) J Delahooke 9-12-6.. A Hill
2 4-FP PETER ANTHONY 7 (F,G,S) B Hill 11-12-6 ... B Hill
3 1U-P BRUNTON PARK 125 (C,F,G,S) J Jenkins 11-12-2 ... B Munro-Wilson
4 211- WISE GAMBOL 263 (CD,F,G) S Stearn 10-12-2 ... S Stearn
5 PPU- BASIL'S CHOICE 283 (G,S) J Bostock 14-11-10 ... J Wales (7)
6 33-0 MESMERIST 8 (CD,G) A Lee-Smith 16-11-10 ... Miss A Parker (7)
7 0/P- MOROCCO BOUND 283 (S) A Lucas 10-11-10 ... Mrs L Jewell (7)

4-7 I Got Stung, 9-2 Brunton Park, 7-1 Wise Gambol, 8-1 Peter Anthony, 14-1 Mesmerist, 20-1 Basil's Choice.

4.30 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 80yd) (8)

1 3145 OPERATIC SCORE 8 (D,G) J Jenkins 5-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 -140 TAMATOUR 72 (D,G) J Ringer 6-11-12 ... S McNeill
3 0632 ORARION 17 (D,BF,G,S) C Tristine 7-11-6 ... J Shortt
4 P/60 UPTOWN RANDB'S 14 (D,F) T Kersey 6-11-6 ... Susan Kersey (7)
5 3335 ELEGANT STRANGER 10 M Tompkins 4-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
6 5P00 EXPOUND 18 (D,G) J Harris 4-10-10 ... J Harris
7 S5P ANIMAL ACTOR 20 W Kemp 4-10-4 ... S McKeever (7)
8 P00 JUST RALPH 16 D Thom 4-10-2 ... D Murphy

5-2 Orarion, 7-2 Tamatour, 4-1 Operatic Score, 6-1 Expound, 7-1 Elegant Stranger, 14-1 Animal Actor, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 12, 33.3%; K Bailey, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Jenkins, 4 from 26, 15.4%; W Kemp, 5 from 41, 12.2%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 5 winners from 14 rides, 35.7%; A Carroll, 9 from 30, 30.0%; Mr P Harding-Jones, 5 from 19, 26.3%; Mr S Andrews, 3 from 19, 15.8%. (Only qualifiers).

Leicester results

Going: good to soft (ch); soft (hdle)

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, UNDAUNTED (M Pitman, 5-2); 2, Sherwood Gunner (G McCourt, 7-4 fav); 3, Pamber Priory (R Dunwoody, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Half Oiled (6th), 12 Celtic Lord, Night Session (4th), 14 Border King, 50 Callaga (pu), 100 Antibiotic (pu), Dunsel Boy, Famous Run, Flaxen King (5th), Opal Glen (pu), Reffolds, Forest Breeze, Four M's, Netherbrook Lass, Share Fantasy, Zarbo. 19 ran. NR: Buck And Doe Run, Kiri's Song. 8l, 6l, 1½l, 20l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £6.88.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, AU BON (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, Sarojoj (R Guest, 9-2); 3, Spase (G McCourt, 6-4). ALSO RAN: 20 Fighting Moon (pu), Thornden (4th), 50 Count Beldale (pu), 100 Baratijo (pu). 7 ran. 7l, 5l, 1l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.59.

3.0 (3m ch) 1, RINUS (N Doughty, 7-2); 2, Masterplan (T Morgan, 15-8 fav); 3, The Builder (P Niven, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 6 Trout Angler (pu), 15-2 Cima (ur). 5 ran. 1½l, 25l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £6.30. CSF: £9.68.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, TSARELLA (J Osborne, 8-1); 2, Five Corners (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 3, Heyfleet (M Pitman, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Cantord Palm (5th), 10 Herbert United (f), 20 Ronans Birthday (4th), Speakers Corner (f), 40 Blue Sparkle (6th), 100 Haddak. 9 ran. 3l, 10l, 20l, 12l, 15l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £6.40; £3.30, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £16.50. CSF: £51.81.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, WILLSFORD (M Pitman, 4-9 fav); 2, High River (D Shaw, 5-2); 3, New Gold Dream (R Dunwoody, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Just Mick (4th), 66 Shell Mill (pu). 5 ran. 8l, 15l, dist. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.40; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.85.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, MAGNUS PYM (S Sherwood, 1-3 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Papajoto (S Smith Eccles, 4-1); 3, Reef Lark (R Dunwoody, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Karajan (4th), 33 Trib.E Mascot (5th), 200 Friar Buck (pu), Enchanted Cross (pu). 7 ran. 8l, 1½l, ¾l, 7l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.25.

Placepot: £10.80.

Taunton

Going: good

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, DOMINION TREASURE (W Irvine, 5-2); 2, Toad Along (R Millman, 33-1); 3, Jade Star (C Llewellyn, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Lord Lammas (5th), 14 Arcticflow, Classical Quartet (6th), 16 La Graciosa, 20 Anhaar (4th), 50 Shelly's Folly, 100 Haworth. 10 ran. NR: Cobusino. 2l, 1½l, 4l, 8l, 12l. J Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £3.50, £2.90. DF: £102.40. CSF: £59.23.

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, STERLING SILVER (W McFarland, 5-1); 2, Ramrod (W Irvine, 8-5 fav); 3, Lover's Secret (M Fitzgerald, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 High Bid (4th), 7 Butterley Lad (5th), 16 Dusky Nancy (6th), 20 Samovar, 40 Cretan Boy (f). 8 ran. 15l, 1l, 8l, 8l, 7l. J Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £6.80; £1.60, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.69. Bought in 5,600gns.

2.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1, EXPEDITIOUS (A Webb, 11-1); 2, Mzima Spring (S Earle, 10-1); 3, Skylark Wonder (B Powell, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Charcoal Wally (6th), Impany, 15-2 Green Marble (5th), 12 Nodalotte (4th), Annette's Delight (pu). 8 ran. 8l, 1l, 12l, 12l, 15l. T Hallett at Saltash. Tote: £10.30; £2.40, £2.70, £1.20. DF: £49.50. CSF: £98.10. Tricast: £211.42.

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, FREEMANTLE (D Hood, 20-1); 2, Shemoaks (A Webb, 20-1); 3, Leeclacha (Lorna Vincent, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Ling (pu), 5-2 Prince Valmy, 12 Grey Bullet (4th), 20 Gloss (5th), 50 Koo-Ming, 100 Big Time Louis (pu), The Baird, B B S Bidford, Enchanting River (6th), Timeless Land (pu). 13 ran. 25l, sh hd, 4l, 5l, 12l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £15.50; £2.80, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £103.80. CSF: £302.22.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, LOCKWOOD PRINCE (J Frost, 6-4 fav); 2, Flying God (W McFarland, 9-2); 3, Grey Tornado (B Powell, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Self Aid (pu), 13-2 Handy Lane, 16 Ramadell (5th), 20 Park Edge (f), Rare Bid (4th), 25 Wickapin, 33 Black Beetle (pu), 50 First Brief (pu), Tells Hills (pu), 100 Cloud Chaser (6th). 13 ran. NR: Belito. 2½l, 2l, 8l, 15l, 25l. R Frost at Buckfastleigh. Tote: £3.30; £2.00, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £8.74.

4.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, RUSTY ROC (W Knox, 11-4); 2, Monk's Mistake (W McFarland, 9-2); 3, Abbeydore (D Tegg, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Might Move (4th), 3 Recollect (5th), 20 Gallois Bosquet, El Capistrano, Northern Halo. 8 ran. 4l, hd, 25l, 15l, ½l. M Davies at Abergavenny. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.80, £5.70. DF: £16.70. CSF: £15.18. Tricast: £188.28.

Placepot: £143.50.

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Turner two-steps into the limelight


Turner: consistent scorer

By Mick Cleary

The tackle came in low and hard. Down went the Welsh captain, Paul Thorburn, writhing in agony. It looked like a break for sure. Up in the stand the replacement back, Paul Turner, suddenly felt his stomach disappear through the floor. Was this it? The cherished first cap? It was, although it took a few minutes more before Thorburn decided his leg was not up to it.

To a tumultuous roar, Turner emerged from beneath the shadows of the National Stadium's south stand to win his first cap against Ireland a fortnight ago as replacement full back. This Saturday he will take the field as first choice stand-off half against France. It is a moment he will savour.

"It was a quite magnificent feeling to gain a cap at long last," Turner said. "I know now exactly how Derek Quinnell felt back in 1972 when he won his first cap as a replacement against France and almost knocked people in the tunnel senseless in his desperation to get onto the pitch. It doesn't matter that the Welsh side are taking a lot of stick at the moment: it is still a great honour to pull on the red jersey."

Turner, aged 29, was not only moved by the occasion of his first cap, he was also surprised at the favourable reception he received from the crowd. In his 10-year career hopscotching about the field for Newbridge, Newport and London Welsh before arriving back at his home town of Newbridge, he has attracted as many hoots as hoorays from the terraces.

Invariably it has been prompted by his brash, extrovert style of play which taunts, teases and even mocks the opposition. "I never realized I was so popular," Turner said.

Turner is undoubtedly a showman. Some days the show is a dramatic and uplifting success. Other days it flops. And that is the big question mark hanging over his selection. Will it be Dr Jekyll or Mr Hyde performing on Saturday? Turner himself feels that his mercurial nature has evened out.

Certainly he has proved himself to be one of the most consistent scorers in Welsh rugby over the last few seasons. He kicks with equal aplomb off either foot, both from hand — which is not that unusual — and for goal, which most certainly is. His method is a legacy of his days as a talented midfield football player when he could carve the ball in sweetly from either wing. It has stood him in good stead on the rugby field.

In 1983-84 he scored a record 405 points for Newbridge while his strike rate three years later at Newport was equally impressive — a club record 368 points, the highest in Wales that season. This year he has already accumulated 287 points for Newbridge who have flourished since his brief sojourn at London Welsh 18 months ago.

His outstanding performance in last Wednesday's 19-18 victory over Neath was instrumental in his selection, making him the first Newbridge back ever to represent Wales. His record has obviously gone before him for a photographer from the French sports newspaper, *L'Equipe*, was up again to take shots of Turner.

Turner has always had vision, that priceless ability to see space where others just see an impenetrable wall of defenders. Latterly he has added a sharper tactical acumen to his repertoire. In his two-year spell at Newport under the guidance of the coaches, Charlie Faulkner and Ray Duggan, he learned to appreciate the value of a ball-winning pack. He learned how to exploit their strength, how to control a game through them rather than through himself.

The blood-headed, slim frame of Turner has few qualms about the battle ahead. It does not bother him that he is the third stand-off half in four games to pull on the number No. 10 jersey for Wales. It does not bother him that speed off the mark is not his greatest asset and that, in all probability he is in for a hammering from the massive French back row and midfield. It does not bother him that the odds are stacked heavily against a Welsh victory. (They have not won in Paris for 14 years.) He is confident. Above all, he is confident in himself. "I've been picked for what I am," he said. "And if I don't play like that, then two things will happen: I won't be successful and neither will Wales."

RUGBY UNION

French pin hopes on Fouroux's choice

From Chris Thau
Fontainbleau

The French take their rugby seriously, especially when their football is having a difficult time. With the team of Platini in trouble, public attention tends to concentrate on Fouroux and his men.

More than 100 journalists, photographers, television and radio reporters have besieged the French retreat at Chateau Ricard some 50 miles away from Paris. Even the French Sports Minister, Roger *Bambuck*, a track and field Olympic medal-winner and no mean rugby player himself, arrived to wish *"Les Tricoleurs"* good luck on Saturday.

The French held a stiff private training session against the French Army on Wednesday and all three back-row players, Carminati, Erbani and Champ, injured during the past fortnight, passed.

Carminati, dubbed "the carminator" for his unusual strength, is playing for the first time at No. 8 since his unhappy first appearance for France against the 1986 All Blacks. He replaced Laurent Rodriguez, of Dax, who was sidelined with a badly injured knee. In the unlikely event of Rodriguez recovering for the England game, Carminati might find himself on the bench, irrespective of his performance on Saturday.

"I have asked Rodriguez to take a break. The England game is vital to us and I would like to have him fit," Fouroux, the French coach, said.

However, the French do not take the Welsh game lightly. They fear a backlash of Welsh pride and have prepared themselves accordingly. After Wednesday's session they trained twice yesterday, covering both attack and defence.

The French pack features five of the World Cup final veterans. Phillipe Dintrans, the most capped French hooker, has re-emerged in the five nations' championship after a three-year absence.

GOLF: AN ENGLISH AMATEUR PUTS THE PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS IN THE SHADE ON A SURPRISING FIRST DAY IN THE AUSTRALIAN MASTERS

A course that is made for Britons

From John Ballantine
San Diego

The great difference in the essential quality and condition of courses in Britain and the United States caused many American observers seriously to doubt that Europe's professionals could retain the Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village in Ohio in September 1987.

The unthinkable, of course, happened, and Ray Floyd's anxieties expressed in his statement: "If US pros lose in Ohio then American golf is in a heap of trouble" flew home to roost.

Nevertheless, the average US tournament course is vastly different from its equivalent in the United Kingdom and so it is refreshing to find the Shearson-Lehman-Hutton Open here this week being played on what is probably the most similar terrain to a British links land on the west coast.

The Torrey Pines municipal courses certainly look a lot more like clubs in Lancashire's north west or some of those on the Scottish coasts than the lush, artificially grown desert or swamp land courses in other parts of California and in Florida and Arizona.

Whereas most American courses in the warmer climates are sown with rye or Bermuda grasses, designed to withstand great heat and yet offer wonderful consistency, the north and south courses here are akin to our more natural turf on which the ball runs on strongly and allows for better pitching and running. Also, the shape of these two courses which are criss-crossed by ravines look similar to some of those in Hampshire and Dorset indented with chines and valleys.

The field of 144 play around on the easier North before the qualifying field moves to the longer championship South for the last two rounds. The greens on the latter have been shaved right down and are pretty fast. 52 of the bunkers there have also been redone.

Meanwhile, Mark Calcavecchia, who is the leading money winner after victories in Phoenix and Los Angeles, disclosed that he has just purchased two cars, a Porsche 930 Turbo Carerra for himself and a BMW 750 IL for his wife as well as a new home in Phoenix. Originally, the rough and ready Calcavacchia had decided to follow the example of Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo and take a two week break from golf before restarting play in Miami next week. He changed his mind after the above purchases.

"I won't say I'm broke again," he said yesterday, "but I'd sure like to win the $126,000 first prize here." It makes one wonder to what lengths some will go to give themselves motivation.

Claydon's flawless round suggests a dramatic possibility

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Melbourne

Can the 1988 English amateur champion win the 1989 Australian Masters? Russell Claydon dramatically posed that question with his magnificent seven-under-par first round of 66 here on the Huntingdale course which gave him the lead by one shot, with Greg Norman and Jack Nicklaus three and four shots adrift respectively.

What is more, Claydon himself is convinced that he has the opportunity to supply the perfect answer. "I know it might sound silly, and everyone will laugh, but I'm thinking only of winning," he said. "If I start to aim, for instance, at nothing more than a top 30 place, then I will only get defensive. That is not in my blood. I'll play my normal game, I'll get stuck in and I'll go for it."

All of which might give the impression of Claydon being a precocious newcomer to the world of international golf. He is nothing of the sort. He is an amiable young man with a wonderful future in the game who won the respect and recognition of the Australian spectators with a flawless exhibition of golf.

Claydon has already won in Australia. Three weeks ago he captured the Lake Macquarie 72-hole stroke-play tournament, against his fellow amateurs at Belmont, by six shots. That championship is considered only second in stature on the Australian amateur circuit to the national title.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	425	4	10	482	5
2	348	4	11	427	4
3	162	3	12	162	3
4	384	4	13	348	4
5	327	4	14	604	5
6	569	5	15	153	3
7	511	5	16	382	4
8	338	4	17	456	4
9	409	4	18	444	4
Out	3,465	37	In	3,458	36

Total yardage: 6,923 Par: 73

The Australian Masters, of course, represents an entirely different challenge. "It's the biggest tournament I've ever played in," he said. "I was fortunate to get off to a good start with a birdie at the first by hitting my approach to three inches. I was very nervous but that settled me down." Thereafter he gathered two more birdies to turn in 34 and four more in five holes from the 12th.

If Claydon had lost sight of where he was then, he most certainly came to terms with himself as he left the Press tent. He went out as the legendary Nicklaus walked in. The two players rubbed shoulders although Nicklaus had no idea then that it was Claydon who was top of the leader board. In build, Claydon, aged 23, is not unlike the young Nicklaus. "If you put me down for 16 stone, I'll buy you a drink," he joked.

What is more, Claydon already has his name on one trophy board in England which also bears that of Nicklaus. In 1986, he won the Grand Champions Challenge at Royal St George's. Nicklaus, on his first visit to England when a member of the United States Walker Cup team, won it in 1959.

Claydon is chasing a place in the Walker Cup this year. But he does not consider it a foregone conclusion that he will be selected, even though, in 1988, he also won the Berkshire Trophy, Lagonda Trophy and English Champion of Champions in addition to finishing runner-up in the World Under-25's Championship in France against the field of professionals which included players of the calibre of Peter Baker.

He said: "I'm going to fight as hard as I can to win my place. Lots of people seem to discuss my turning pro in 1988. It was never in my mind. I just want to be part of the British team for the Walker Cup."

Claydon has a marvellously controlled swing for such a big man, though it is unorthodox. He rarely reaches the horizontal yet he despatches the ball to prodigious distances with economy. He seemed not to be perturbed by distractions on the course, such as when the Australian television camera men virtually surrounded him as he walked down the 18th fairway. Moreover he joked all the way along with his caddie. Pat Janssen, the 1987 club champion at Huntingdale, is carrying Claydon's bag.

In the last year, Claydon has worked in a tax office, as a builders' labourer and as a postman to finance his golfing career. "Right now I'm a buyer for a building company," he said. "Fortunately the boss is very generous with time off." Claydon would like to repay that generosity by returning home with the Australian Masters title.

LEADING SCORES: First round: (Australian unless stated): 66: R Claydon (GB). 67: G Wade (NZ), P Fowler, B Shearer, 68: C Parry, G Serhan. 69 M Harwood, G Norman, I Baker-Finch, J Diggetts (US). 70: J Nicklaus (US), B Jones, F Nobilo (NZ). 71: D Smith, T Tominaga (Japan), T Yoneyma (Japan), J Clifford, J Brellenthin (US), B Franklin (Can). 72: J Senior, R Mackay, B Ogle, K Tripplett (US), P Powell (NZ), W Smith, M Clayton, H Baran (US), P O'Malley, M Bradley (US).


Iron resolve: Claydon plays a fairway shot during his seven-under-par first round yesterday

Dexter announces rise in golf incentives

Ted Dexter, the leading candidate for the job of chairman of the England cricket selectors, yesterday announced an increase in the prize-money for his golf competition, the Equity and Law Challenge.

Dexter, a former England cricketer and once a scratch golfer, said that a 10 per cent rise will make this year's event, which rewards only birdies and better, worth a total of £90,000.

A total of 28 European tour events, starting in Tenerife next week, will act as qualifiers for the final 54-hole tournament at Royal Mid-Surrey on September 25 and 26.

The 30 players who collect the most points — one for a birdie, two for an eagle and three for an albatross — will qualify for the final where the winner will receive £20,000.

Dexter said: "This competition adds glamour and excitement to the tour."

He also admitted: "If I could turn the clock back I would probably take up golf rather than cricket. But I think it would be the wrong decision because cricket is a very kind sport and it is good at the top level whereas at golf I would probably have been one of those guys who hit the ball a long way but don't pick up the money at the end of the day."

Tribute to a great opponent

By Patricia Davies

Glenna Collett Vare, who died, aged 85, on Febraury 2 at Delray Beach, Florida, was the *grande dame* of American golf in the 1920s and '30s.

A year younger than Bobby Jones, she was inspired to take up the game after watching him in an exhibition match. "I was so thrilled by what I saw," she said, "that the next day I went out and broke 50 on nine."

That precocious talent was so well nurtured by Alex Smith, a Scottish teacher who had won the US Open twice, and her own dedication to practise that she won the US Women's Amateur a record six times between 1922 and 1935.

Her efforts to win the British, however, were always thwarted, most notably on two occasions by the incomparable Joyce Wethered, who wrote that their encounters, at Troon in 1925 and St Andrews in 1929, were "the fiercest battles I have ever been engaged in". She said: "As an opponent, she was unequalled in the generous-minded and sporting attitude that was natural to her."

The then Miss Collett was beaten 4 and 3 at Troon by an opponent who admitted: "I played the best golf that I have ever succeeded in producing." They did not play each other again until 1929 when the combination of St Andrews and the presence of Collett tempted Wethered out of retirement.

They met in the final in what is widely described as the greatest women's match of all time. The American was out in 34 and five up — "the finest sequence of holes I have ever seen a lady play", the victim wrote.

Collett had a putt of four feet at the 12th to go six up but missed it and that proved to be the turning point. She eventually lost on the 17th. Wethered wrote that the pair of them "became the centre of a squeezing, swaying, and almost hysterical mob, shouting and cheering themselves hoarse."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	O/Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	20	75	good	powder	fair	snow	2
Good skiing everywhere							
Mayrhofen	30	90	good	powder	poor	snow	2
Good on and off piste skiing							
Saalbach	65	185	good	powder	good	snow	0
Superb skiing conditions							
St Anton	50	260	good	powder	good	snow	4
New snow at all levels							
Schladming	35	140	good	powder	art	cloud	-1
Excellent powder skiing							
FRANCE							
Chamonix	55	145	good	powder	fair	snow	0
Good skiing conditions; resort runs opening							
Flaine	30	110	good	heavy	fair	snow	4
Good skiing but still some worn areas							
La Plagne	15	70	fair	varied	worn	snow	2
Reasonable skiing on piste							
Megève	20	70	fair	heavy	poor	snow	4
Conditions now improving							
Tignes	55	145	fair	varied	fair	snow	-4
Excellent skiing to be found, on and off piste							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	30	60	good	powder	closed	snow	2
More new snow on a hard base							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	75	80	good	powder	good	snow	-2
Excellent skiing conditions							
Davos	60	135	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Pistes are in excellent condition							
Grindelwald	30	80	good	powder	fair	snow	0
Superb skiing for all standards							
Mürren	55	115	good	powder	good	snow	-2
Good skiing everywhere; still snowing hard							
Saas Fee	15	140	good	powder	closed	snow	-2
Fresh snow on glacier; no queues							
Villars	40	60	good	varied	fair	snow	3
Greatly improved conditions							
Zermatt	25	65	good	powder	closed	snow	0
Very good skiing on piste							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

WEST GERMANY	L	U
Berchtesgaden	20	150
Mittenwald	30	100
Garmisch-Partenkirchen	25	70
Hindelang	25	70
Oberammergau	20	100
Oberjoch	70	80
Oberstdorf	18	130
Oberstaufen	25	30

● Information supplied by the German Automobile Club.

SWITZERLAND	L	U
Adelboden	35	85
Andermatt	70	100
Champery	0	35
Crans-Montana	10	60
Engelberg	35	100
Gstaad	30	40
Klosters	50	110

● Information supplied by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm, Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht: A light dusting of snow but insufficient depth for skiing. Forecast: Dry cloudy start; outbreaks of sleet or snow in Glencoe will spread east reaching Cairngorms by mid-morning and Glenshee and Lecht before midday: the sleet or snow will turn to rain on slopes below 2,500ft as the freezing level rises from around 1,500ft to 3,000ft; during the afternoon bright, mainly dry weather will come into Glencoe; extensive hill fog in rain; winds will be strong or gale force south-westerly veering more westerly over Glencoe and easing during the afternoon. Outlook: Further rain, falling as snow over highest summits, spreading from the west tonight followed by bright, showery weather tomorrow and Sunday; showers turning to sleet or snow, becoming very windy and blizzard conditions likely.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New peak for sponsorship

By Keith Macklin

The announcement of a record sponsorship for the Silk Cup Challenge Cup, totalling £900,000, was made simultaneously in London and Leeds yesterday.

In London the cast included Jonathan Davies, Garry Schofield and Joe Lydon, plus the chairman of the board of directors of the Rugby League, Bob Ashby, and the chief executive, David Oxley. They were there, the league's public affairs executive, David Howes, said, "as ambassadors taking rugby league to the capital".

The sponsorship follows the huge increases recently announced for the Stones Bitter championship and the new Regal Trophy. The £900,000 will be broken down into three annual payments between next season and the 1991-92 campaign, with £275,000 in the first season, £300,000 in the second and £325,000 in 1991-92.

Some 60 per cent of the sponsorship fee will be allocated to prize-money, with the remainder going into the league's capital development fund.

Silk Cut have sponsored the Challenge Cup since 1985, paying a total of £750,000 for the present five-year agreement.

Ashby said: "The record sponsorship in the game has now been broken for the third time in less than four months." Len Owen, the special events director of Silk Cut added: "Rugby League has been good to us. It has a good image, growing popularity and the reputation for good sportsmanship."

This year's Challenge Cup competition, which has featured 34 professional clubs and four top amateur sides, reaches its quarter-final stage a week on Sunday. The winners of this year's final at Wembley on Saturday, April 29, will receive £20,000.

● Oldham are to have talks with the local council in the hope of increasing their ground capacity from 8,700 to more than 10,000 for their all-ticket Challenge Cup third round tie against the holders, Wigan, on February 25.

The decision will depend on whether Oldham can finish essential ground safety work on one side of the ground which has been sealed off for two years.

Several of the players are working at renewing concrete terracing, under the supervision of the club's Australian captain, Chris O'Sullivan, who is a builder by trade. The Oldham secretary, Anita Lees, said yesterday: "We are confident we will get the go-ahead."

Lowe baffled by Gregory's threat

By Keith Macklin

Eyebrows were raised when Andy Gregory announced that he was considering leaving the game and added: "This is not about money. Some things in life are bigger than money."

The statement, from one of Britain's highest paid players, was surprising in that Gregory's well-publicized moves from Widnes to Warrington, and then from Warrington to Wigan, have always had an enormous amount to do with money. Record fees have been exchanged between the clubs, and Gregory's wallet was certainly no lighter at the end of the transactions, and it is hard to understand what the Great Britain scrum half stands to gain by his threat.

He does have a business in non-ferrous metals but his income would decline dramatically if he gave up the game. Wigan are generous employers, and have given bonuses for trophy victories in recent seasons, and while non-ferrous metals may provide bread and butter for Gregory, rugby league puts the jam on it.

Most people within the game, not least the Wigan coach, Graham Lowe, are baffled by Gregory's stand. When he went on the transfer list late last year, he refused to disclose his reasons, although it was suggested that he was seeking another change of club. Gregory refused to endorse this, and eventually came back to the fold only to cross swords with Lowe over the matter of being chosen as substitute back.

To understand why Lowe and Gregory are on collision course, it is necessary to understand both parties. Gregory is a combative, fiery character on the field, and occasionally off it, though his public profile before supporters is chirpy and cheerful. Lowe is a strict disciplinarian who believes no player, however talented or famous, should be allowed to dictate club tactics or team choices.

Lowe is bewildered by the public support Gregory is getting, perhaps a rare sign of naivety.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

North predominant in final trial teams

By Michael Stevenson

England's 18 Group campaign moves towards its final stages with the announcement of a squad of 47 boys who will attend a training and coaching weekend at RAF Halton, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

A final trial will be held on February 25, after which a squad of around 25 will be selected and the unlucky ones will be free to depart.

Clark, of Marlborough, will play for half the trial as will Turner, of Hampden GS. Both Turner and Adams, of Batley GS, were injured and missed the divisional games. Adams played for England last year, as did Bingham, who was dropped by the North but has been reinstated for the trial.

In the final round of divisional matches, the North, whose members dominate the final trial, beat the Midlands 18-0 at Wilmslow, Cheshire, through tries by Westwell and Greatorex, plus two penalties and two conversions by Flood. The South-East beat the South and South-West 22-14 at Wellington, Berkshire, thanks largely to some inspiring attacking play by Allison, their full back.

TEAM A: T Allison, (Gresham's); A Westwell (St Mary's RCHS, Leigh), P Bingham (Appleton), S Ravenscroft (Bradford GS), A Adebayo (Kelly); V Gratiliier, K Bracken (both Stonyhurst); I Hendry (Millfield), P Simmonds (Bedford Modern), G Rowntree (John Cleveland), M Greatorex (King Edward VII, Lytham), G Botstrode (Sherborne), R Sussus (The Leys), C Pelster (Sherborne), J Barton (Kingsbridge).

TEAM B: P Harries (Gaynes, Upminster); J Oxley (Ampleforth), D Clift (Merchant Taylors', Crosby), P Flood (Stonyhurst), G Hill (Leeds GS); M Clarke (St Aumelin's), A Roper (Loughborough Coll of FE), J Rooke (Marple Hall), G Lowye-Lloyd (Elstenbeam), J Cundick (Sale GS), D Walton (St Mary and St Joseph's), R Bramley (QEGS Wakefield), D Langley (Friary, Lichfield), S Wilkinson (Liverpool College), C Wilkins (Brentwood).

RESERVES: S Wills (Guthlaxton), C Chidi-Ofong (Rugby), M Slevin (John Fisher), R Ingram (Kings Thorpe Upper), G del Fierro (Crawley), M McCarthy (Mount St Mary's), J Davies (Greshams), C Tarquini (Ellesmere), P Delaney (London Oratory), C Clark (Marlborough), P Cosselett (Trent), S Turner (Hampden GS), A Meadows (Sedbergh), W Crompton (Exeter), M Palmer (Sevenoaks), N Richardson (King's, Worcester), G Adams (Batley GS).

Methodist College won through to the semi-finals of the Ulster Schools Cup with a convincing victory over RBAI (17-0). In the other quarter-finals, BRA beat Portadown 13-7, Ballymena Academy scraped home 3-4 against Campbell College and Omagh Academy lost to Wallace HS 4-13. Methodist, who have won the cup 25 times, are firm favourites.

RGS High Wycombe ended their season with 12 undefeated matches and the excellent overall record of 18 wins and a draw from 22 games. This term they have beaten London Oratory (21-8), Reading, (19-13), Tiffin (9-4) and Aylesbury GS (12-10). They drew 7-7 with RGS Guildford.

King's Macclesfield ended their fine season with good wins against Marple Hall (0-30) and St Edward's Liverpool (36-0) to earn a final record of 20 wins and two defeats, scoring 624 points to 137 conceded. Steven Swindells, their full back, scored 300 points this season, including 25 tries.

Fettes have not enjoyed a particularly good season by their high standards, but have improved considerably since Christmas, winning four, drawing one and losing one.

RUGBY UNION

French pin hopes on Fouroux's choice

From Chris Thau
Fontainbleau

The French take their rugby seriously, especially when their football is having a difficult time. With the team of Platini in trouble, public attention tends to concentrate on Fouroux and his men.

More than 100 journalists, photographers, television and radio reporters have besieged the French retreat at Chateau Ricard some 50 miles away from Paris. Even the French Sports Minister, Roger *Bambuck*, a track and field Olympic medal-winner and no mean rugby player himself, arrived to wish *"Les Tricoleurs"* good luck on Saturday.

The French held a stiff private training session against the French Army on Wednesday and all three back-row players, Carminati, Erbani and Champ, injured during the past fortnight, passed.

Carminati, dubbed "the carminator" for his unusual strength, is playing for the first time at No. 8 since his unhappy first appearance for France against the 1986 All Blacks. He replaced Laurent Rodriguez, of Dax, who was sidelined with a badly injured knee. In the unlikely event of Rodriguez recovering for the England game, Carminati might find himself on the bench, irrespective of his performance on Saturday.

"I have asked Rodriguez to take a break. The England game is vital to us and I would like to have him fit," Fouroux, the French coach, said.

However, the French do not take the Welsh game lightly. They fear a backlash of Welsh pride and have prepared themselves accordingly. After Wednesday's session they trained twice yesterday, covering both attack and defence.

The French pack features five of the World Cup final veterans. Phillipe Dintrans, the most capped French hooker, has re-emerged in the five nations' championship after a three-year absence.

Australian prelude for sevens

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Barbarians, the winners of the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank Sevens tournament eight years ago, have been drawn in the same qualifying group as Spain and Papua New Guinea for this year's competition, on April 1 and 2.

The Barbarians, whose last appearance in the sevens was in 1982, will announce their playing squad in three weeks' time.

Tunisia, newcomers to the tournament, have been drawn in the same group as New Zealand, last year's beaten finalists. Australia, the holders, will open against Japan and Brunei. The Irish Wolfhounds, the only other entrants from the home countries, begin the tournament against South Korea and Singapore.

The Australians will have warmed up for the tournament the previous weekend, when the Australian Rugby Union Sevens are held in Sydney. Eight countries are sending teams — Australia, New Zealand, Wales, the United States, Western Samoa, Fiji, Japan and Argentina — of whom six are also competing in Hong Kong.

DRAW: Group A: Australia, Japan, Brunei. Group B: Irish Wolfhounds, South Korea, Singapore. Group C: Canada, Taiwan, Sri Lanka. Group D: Barbarians, Spain, Papua New Guinea. Group E: Fiji, Italy, Thailand. Group F: American Eagles, Hong Kong, Netherlands. Group G: Western Samoa, Tonga, Malaysia. Group H: New Zealand, Tunisia, Bahrain.

Australia lays down plans for expansion

Sydney (AFP) — Bob Fordham, executive director of the Australian Rugby Union (ARU), yesterday announced a spending programme exceeding £250,000 aimed at stemming the flow of players to rugby league.

"We are striking back," Fordham said, adding that the ARU was to take more positive action at schoolboy level, as well as through its rugby academy project in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Sport. Some of Australia's best players have graduated from national schoolboy teams.

The Australian stand-off half, Michael Lynagh, said this week that the loss of such quality players to rugby league as Matt Burke, Andrew Leeds, James Grant, Michael Cook and Brett Papworth had been a severe drain on the available pool of talent.

Rafter to put business first

Mike Rafter, the former Bristol and England forward, has resigned as coach of the South and South-West divisional rugby team. He said the expansion of his business interests made it difficult to carry on with the job he had held for the past year.

Students are to stand in

By Michael Austin

The Luddites have compensated for the absence of Oxford University from their fixtures with a first game against Loughborough Students, the UAU finalists, at Ashby Road on March 1.

Ken Shaw, the Luddites' secretary, said yesterday: "Oxford cannot play us because so many of their games against club sides have been switched to Wednesdays through their opponents' league commitments on Saturdays."

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FOOTBALL: SHEFFIELD UNITED AND THEIR MANAGER EXPRESS A FEELING OF HARMONY BEFORE FACING NORWICH

Steel city takes grip of Bassett

By Clive White

FA CUP

Football is a funny old game. Things are never quite what they seem. When Dave Bassett left Wimbledon to join Watford in May 1987, it appeared, on the face of it, a tailor-made appointment. It was anything but. Ill-suited to one another, they parted company eight months later.

When Bassett decided shortly afterwards to pull up his London roots and take over at Sheffield United, it seemed about as *appropriate* as Dirty Den becoming the new licencee at the Rover's Return. Yet 13 months on and *despite suffering relegation* they are still together. Four days before their FA Cup fifth round tie against Norwich City *on Saturday*, United have asked Bassett to stay on for a further three years which he has happily agreed to do.

Bassett *maintains that* the reason why he has enjoyed more success at Sheffield United, currently challenging for promotion *from the third* division, than he had at Watford, is because he has felt wanted by the Bramall Lane supporters in a way *in which*, surprisingly, he never was by those of his home town club.

He upset the Watford people by dispensing with the players that Graham Taylor, his cherished predecessor, believed would play a part in Watford's future. Bassett admitted that he made the mistake of making too many changes too soon. Yet this summer at Sheffield United he moved 17 players out and brought 17 in. "Some people thought it would be disastrous and if things had gone wrong it could have rebounded on me. The difference *is that United* supporters knew that their team wasn't good enough whereas Watford's thought *that it was*," he said.

Going north was a big decision for Bassett to take. He makes it sound like a journey into outer space when he talks about "going into the unknown". But he has no regrets. "The place has got a feeling and passion and we've been made to feel welcome. After Watford I felt I needed a new challenge and going out of London at that time was the right decision. It would have been so easy to be insular and not gone. But I feel I've gained from the experience. I've been pleasantly surprised at the way we've settled," he said.

To make the transition easier Bassett has surrounded himself with half a dozen London-born players, including three of his own products *from Wimbledon*, Ryan, Tracey and Downes. "It's all right, isn't it, these southerners coming up here nicking *our money*," *one of Sheffield's* most recently adopted sons said. "But they won't go. They've made themselves at *home*."

Bassett has been accused of trying to build a replica of his Wimbledon team out of Sheffield steel. But he *refutes that*. "We do 50-60 per cent of the things that Wimbledon do, but the rest is different. My players get *the bump* always being compared to them. Some of them are not capable of doing what we did at Wimbledon. We're more inventive in attack than they were when I was there but we're not as good at defending," he said.

Deane, a player whom Bassett signed from Doncaster Rovers for £30,000, is constantly compared with *Fashanu because of his size* and colour. "I feel sorry for him. He's not as strong as Fash, nor as quick and no*where near as good in the air.* But *he'll* convert more chances than Fash will," he said. Deane and Agana have scored 20 goals each, making themselves one of the most feared partnerships in the division.

The team itself has scored 77 goals in all competitions but was described by Bassett as "the most brainless team in the world" when *they let the* advantage slip in a 3-3 home draw with Colchester United in the previous round. "The way we go forward we're going to be caught out at the back occasionally, which might suit Norwich because they are a counter-attacking side," Bassett said.

He is wary though, of the way in which people pigeonhole players and styles and *readily admits that his own* much-abused — and much used — long ball game is not the perfect answer. "Liverpool *have found a formula over the* years but they've always had the best players as well. A lot's spoken about style but I think *it's all about how players* perform on the day."

Thirty years ago the greatest Cup run in Norwich's history took them as an unrated third division outfit past Sheffield United into the semi-finals. Now the boot is on the other foot and Bassett, the man with *non-league origins*, promises Norwich a more demanding test than Sutton United could provide in the last round. "*This is our life, our business.* Sutton made the mistake of going for a day out. I never go anywhere for a day out except *with the wife and kids.*"

IAN STEWART



Bassett's bark: Sheffield United players are instructed how the manager (wearing cap) wants things done in training

YACHTING

Irish threaten to sue RNSA over reversion in rules

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Naval Sailing Association (RNSA) may be forced to call in an international jury to resolve the dilemma over which rules it should enforce in the Whitbread Round the World Race starting from Southampton in September.

The RNSA has received protest notes this week from a majority within the maxi-boat division over its recent decision to revert to last year's inaccurate measuring rule, rather than hold the race under the present version. Some crews have suggested that the change will cost them more than £50,000 to re-optimize their boats and the Irish entry, NCB Ireland, has threatened to sue the association for the extra costs involved.

The argument centres on a spoken promise by the race chairman, Rear Admiral Charles Williams, last November to the two New Zealand entrants, assuring them that the race would be held under the 1988 provisions if extensive changes were made to the rule this year.

Unfortunately for the Admiral, the changes proved so extensive that they have put four Whitbread boats out of class and the New Zealanders have held him to his word. Their pressure forced the Whitbread committee to *revoke a decision taken in* January to race under the latest, more reliable, measurement rule that has caused the disagreement.

The committee's *right to make* such extensive changes to the rules after the final notice of race has been published is at the heart of the argument.

Philip Tollhurst, the sailing lawyer retained by the Irish, suggests that the let-out clause within the race rules, limits the committee to minor changes and specifically bars any alterations to the present international offshore rule.

In their letter of protest to the RNSA, the Irish point out that while Williams was prepared to make his views known to the New Zealanders, a letter addressing the same subject sent on November 24 by their designer went unanswered. They also point out that publication in January of the final notice of race which endorsed the 1989 IOR, seven weeks after the rule changes had been made, gave solid proof that the committee did not share the chairman's view of the situation.

Sadly, there now seems *little* room for compromise, and with lawyers from both sides preparing briefs, it will take a decision from the Admiral and his crew worthy of King Solomon if a similar legal confrontation to the one that has sunk the America's Cup is to be avoided.

Race turns back clock

Those living on the lower reaches of the Thames will be treated to a bygone scene this weekend when 35 craft ranging from dinghies to Thames barges set sail from Tower Bridge on a race to Erith and back.

The event, which starts tomorrow at 1pm, also sees the return of Robin Knox-Johnston's ageing Suhaili into racing trim after the yacht that carried him round the world alone 20 years ago, was *dismasted in an argument* her skipper admits, she should never have started with a sailing barge last November. The yachts are due to return to St Katherine's dock with Sunday's high tide.

Book to shake off cobwebs

Feeling rusty after the winter lay-up? Tom Cunliffe, whose book *Topsail and Battleaxe* won the Book of the Sea award at last month's London Boat Show, has helped produce a new tome to be published next Thursday, designed to shake up the nautical memory cells.

Titled *What Now Skipper*, the paperback presents 40 fiendish challenges based on real life situations penned by Cunliffe and three other experienced yachtsmen, Des Sleightholme, Andrew Bray and Bill Anderson and offers a timely brush-up before the season gets under way at Easter.

FOOTBALL

Sharpe's place under threat

By Ian Ross

Lee Sharpe, Manchester United's promising young defender, may pay the price for his own swift development when Alex Ferguson names his side for tomorrow's FA Cup fifth round tie against Bournemouth *at Dean Court*.

Sharpe, aged 17, has been a regular in the United first team since mid-September but was omitted from the side for last Saturday's game against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough *after a tiring midweek* journey to Greece where he had played *in an England under-21* international.

In his absence, Ferguson, the manager of United, used Lee Martin, aged 20, as an emergency right back and recalled Paul McGrath, the Republic of Ireland international, to the centre of defence. Both men performed well as United won 2-0 and Ferguson is thought to be considering naming an unchanged line-up for a game he insists will severely test the character of his team.

"I have not yet made up my mind about the team and it is unlikely that I shall deliver my verdict until midday on Saturday," he said. "I have several options open to me."

"Bournemouth are a very capable team and we have had them watched in every one of their games since the draw was made. They have done exceptionally well of late, especially since the arrival of Luther Blissett. They are above the likes of Leeds United and Portsmouth in the second division, so this is going to be a tough tie."

Chris Hedworth, the only player for whom Billy Ayre, the Halifax Town manager, has paid a fee while making a £495,000 transfer profit since his appointment in December 1986, will be *out of the game for at least six* weeks following an abdominal operation.

TENNIS

Alternative to the tournament grind

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Catarina Lindqvist and Darren Cahill command top billing in the third Mortgage Corporation national league competition, which begins today and ends on March 5. The cast consists of familiar players from past and present international chorus *lines plus British youngsters* furthering their tennis educations.

In addition to Lindqvist and Cahill, the line-up includes Jan Gunnarsson, Tobias Svantesson, Tomas Smid, Carl Limberger, Mark Kratzmann, and such formerly prominent players as Peter Fleming, Sandy Mayer, and Frew McMillan, who is a striking advertisement for whatever it is that fortifies the over-forties.

The British Davis Cup team is also taking part, re-enforced by a few predecessors: John Lloyd, Colin Dowdeswell, John Paish, and Jonathan Smith. The British women's champion, Sarah Loosemore, the No. 1, Sara Gomer, and former No. 1, Anne Hobbs will also be in action.

Two new teams, Sunderland and Westminster, replace Chiswick and Manchester. The 12 teams will all play six matches in groups of four teams. The three group winners, plus the best of the runners-up, will contest the semi-finals on March 4. The final will be played the following day.

Women are included for the first time and the adjusted format will consist of two men's singles, a women's singles, and men's and mixed doubles. The prize-money has been raised from £95,000 to £107,000.

This competition is basically *designed to promote* the game and its indoor centres and sponsors, all over the country (Sunderland down to Bournemouth and Cardiff across to Brentwood). The geographic spread, plus the team format and the one-set matches, provide the players with a stimulating change from the usual tournament routine.

All that is admirable. So (in principle) is the imaginative attempt to borrow from the more garish forms of show business and enhance the game's mass appeal by giving matches a lot of hype, today's slang for gimmickry.

At the same time one never knows quite what to make of a tennis competition in which matches are restricted to one set and interspersed with beat music and spectators are incited to take sides and make a lot of noise, even when there is little or no cause for it. Too often, the whipped-up, artificial excitement is reminiscent of the sillier TV game shows fleetingly familiar to channel-hoppers. The hype can be self-consciously juvenile in its effort to recreate the ambience of cup-ties and one-day cricket.

What needs to be remembered, though, is that an estimated 83 per cent of the population is hooked on such trivia as the lower forms of game shows, soap operas, kindred entertainments, and the variety of publications that may loosely be classified as comics for grown-ups.

The Lawn Tennis Association considers that it would be no bad thing if that 83 per cent was hooked on tennis, too. So let us not be toffee-nosed about the *league's childish excesses*. The competition does a lot of good — and no harm.

BOWLS

Northern lights dimmed

By David Rhys Jones

With the long qualifying process almost complete in the English *Indoor Bowls* Association (EIBA) championships, this season's successful competitors have a month to wait for their national finals, which will be held for the first time at Melton Mowbray.

While many of the favourites have survived in the south, it has been a harder winter for leading northern players. John Bell, David Holt and Gary R. Smith are the only England players to have qualified.

Holt's club, Middleton, is the club that never was. It was supposed to be operational in Manchester this winter.

AREA FINALS RESULTS: Singles: A Stephenson (Darlington) bt S Burton (Darlington), 21-16; D Holt (Middleton) bt J Leaman (Blackpool Borough), 21-12; J N Bell (Cumbria) bt R Gass (Cumbria), 21-17; N Brignall (Hull 147) bt A Gilroy (Scunthorpe), 21-13. Pairs: H Ashcroft and D Quickmire (Great Aycliffe) bt B Tilly and M Carmady (Great Aycliffe), 22-18; R Dougal and S Lant (Newcastle) bt G Cairns and J Hogg (Ashington), 23-18; G Niven and N Burrows (Middleton) bt S Fritz and I Mayne (Middleton), 22-18; D Tooley and N Curtis (Hull IBC) bt A Cook and K Chesnin (Hull IBC), 22-21; N Routledge and G R Smith (Sunderland) bt B and R Bewick (Boldon Community), 20-17. Triples: G Wasson (Newcastle) bt A Phillips (Newcastle), 21-13; M McGreavy (Stanley) bt D Webb (Gateshead), 15-14; D Joyce (Darlington) bt C Simpson (Hartlepool), 24-10; A Atkinson (Huddersfield) bt H Smith (Huddersfield), 17-16; D Colbourne (Middleton) bt K Drury (Blackpool Borough), 22-20. Fours: J Knox (Newcastle) bt L Downs (Hebburn), 23-15; D Webb (Gateshead) bt J Gilroy (South Tyneside), 24-12; A Atkinson (Huddersfield) bt B Hurt (Hull IBC), 22-19; N Burrows (Middleton) bt S Ellis (Blackpool Fylde), 24-15.

● The England team management has switched the venue for next Sunday's international squad training session from the *Oasis Leisure Centre in Swin*don to the Bentham Centre near Cheltenham.

Weymouth launch for sailing centre

By Barry Pickthall

Plans for a £750,000 national sailing centre at Weymouth have been approved by the town council, 20 years after the Royal Yachting Association opened discussions on a suitable site. The centre, which will replace the sport's previous base at Cowes, sold two years ago by the Sports Council after it proved to be uneconomic, will be built on reclaimed land off Weymouth pier.

Construction is expected to begin *this autumn after the* council has completed a survey of the harbour and the modest facilities should be ready next year in time for the 1992 Olympic Games build-up.

The first phase, which will provide a slipway and storage for 40 dinghies and a small clubhouse, is funded by the £500,000 sale of the previous centre and a £250,000 low-interest loan from Weymouth council, to be repaid as rent.

The approval, ends a long-running battle between the RYA and council over the facilities and funding for the centre. Matters finally came to a head when foreign competitors were arrested during last year's Weymouth Olympic Week for parking *their cars on the sea-front.*

The RYA held this year's event at Hayling Island, and the loss of revenue from the 400 sailing visitors to the town undoubtedly prompted Weymouth councillors to reconcile their differences over the centre.

HOCKEY

Cambridge toil against seasoned campaigners

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 0
East Anglians 0

There were no rewards for hard work at Fenner's yesterday, where Cambridge University and East Anglians drew their annual match which provided hockey of top quality.

Cambridge were expecting a victory which would have been something to savour before their match against Oxford at Lord's on Tuesday but they were up against a tightly controlled defence which gave little away.

East Anglians chose an experienced side which included two seasoned campaigners, John French and Gordon Nurse; nor did they neglect the bloom of youth with Anthony Hagen on the left wing.

The university had a slight edge in the first half but failed to convert four short corners in the second, the latter part of which was dominated by East Anglians, *who had several chances* to score.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: T Castledine (King Henry VII, Coventry and Queens'); R Atherton (Merchant Taylors', Crosby and Downing), D Gealy (King Edward's, Five Ways and Fitzwilliam), P Simonds (Cheltenham and Hughes Hall), K Ebenezer (Whitgift and Jesus), P Sorensen (Kingston GS and Wolfson), *E Castlemaine (Bedford and Magdalene, captain), *B McKee (Bangor GS and Robinson), S Ogle (Manchester GS and Clare), J Jones (Dulwich and St John's), W Priestly (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall).
EAST ANGLIANS: P Over (Suffolk); R Osborn (Cambridgeshire), P Brooker (Hertfordshire), A Jeakin (Lincolnshire), S Grimes (Cambridgeshire), M Mitchison (Cambridgeshire), G Nurse (Norfolk), Q Crowe (Suffolk), J French (Essex), S Gayton (Hertfordshire, captain), A Hagen (Millfield School).
Umpires: *M Brook and F Lockhart* (Eastern Counties).
* A Blue

Oxford fail to impress

By David Chappell

Oxford University 5
United Hospitals 1

Oxford University will draw little satisfaction from this comprehensive victory over a disappointing United Hospitals side at the Parks yesterday. With the University match against Cambridge at Lord's five days away, Oxford would have wanted a sterner examination.

Oxford were allowed to dictate proceedings but the freedom also lulled them into lethargy.

● The Occasionals beat the Wanderers in the second-team encounter, Oxford winning 2-1 at Cambridge for their first victory in 15 years.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J Nicholls (Charterhouse and Worcester); *P Barry (The Howard School, Gillingham, and St Catherine's), *R Ellerman (KCS Wimbledon and Oriel); sub: *J Herbert (Granston School and Brasenose), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham and Merton), *G Peters (St George's, Weybridge, and Christ Church), A Hall (St Edward's, Oxford and Brasenose), *A Ghasry (Kingston GS and Worcester), *S Mee (Merchant Taylors' and Brasenose), A Shirley (Caterham and Lincoln), G Stanbury (RGS High Wycombe and Exeter), A Grimes (Warwick and Jesus).
UNITED HOSPITALS: T Williman (United Medical and Dental Schools); J Pitman (UMDS), A Whelan (UMDS), A Hattrick (UMDS), J Steamer (UMDS), W McKeon (St Bartholomew's), S Hoylet (UMDS), P Kirkland (UMDS), E Fatheon (St Bartholomew's), D Newman (Charing Cross-Westminster), C Bush (UMDS).
Umpires: J Wood (Bucks and Oxon) and J Eyton (Essex). * A Blue

SKIING

Walliser is icy threat to Figini

From Iain Macleod
Lake Louise, Canada

After two weeks of cut-throat competition at the world championships in Vail, the leading women skiers this weekend return to the World Cup circuit.

The transfer from the Colorado Rockies to the Canadian Rockies has brought little change in conditions, and the Swiss, Michela Figini and Maria Walliser, appear to dictate the destiny of the downhill title at the natural beauty spot.

The serenity of the lakeside surroundings, however, will make little impact on the two women, for whom the races, tomorrow and Sunday, will bring out their *fiercest competitive* qualities.

Theirs has been a long-standing rivalry. For Figini, however, the pressures she inflicted on Walliser before Vail, succeeded in being the force that enabled her great rival to find the inner drive to make a successful *defence* of her world title.

Figini, the World Cup champion, has won three of the five races this season and leads Walliser by 19 points, but she was placed only *eighth in Vail* and the onus to succeed has shifted to her.

Moreover, Walliser must take heart in the conditions, which are reminiscent of Vail. There is an abundance of snow here and with overnight temperatures of minus-35° C expected, Walliser's Volkl skis, which are renowned for performing well in severely cold conditions, may prove a telling factor.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Stumbling Stafford turn to Reid

By Paul Newman

Ron Reid has been reappointed manager of Stafford Rangers, less than nine months after resigning to join Boston United. Reid, who *has been given* the job until the end of the season, succeeds Bryan Chambers, who resigned on Monday after a *sequence of eight* defeats in 12 matches which has left the club only one place above the GM Vauxhall Conference relegation zone.

Reid resigned at Boston nearly three months ago, frustrated at their failure to build on a promising start to the season.

Norman Wright, the Stafford chairman, said: "There was a lot of bitterness when Ron left last year, but we have settled our differences. Quite a few big names cropped up when the vacancy arose, but we had to have an experienced non-League manager because we don't have time to experiment.

"All we are asking of Ron is to keep us in the Conference and if he does so I am sure there will be a new contract for him. Money will be available and he has already told me he intends to *bring in two new* midfield players as soon as possible."

The final straw for Chambers was last Saturday's 6-1 defeat away to Wycombe Wanderers, who entertain Kidderminster Harriers tomorrow in the Conference's match of the day. A crowd of 3,000 is expected as Wycombe are now only four points behind Kidderminster, who have led the table for more than three months.

The race for promotion to the Football League has been thrown wide open by the recent slump of the top sides and the *improvement* of others. In their last nine matches, Kidderminster and Kettering Town have dropped 16 points and Macclesfield Town 13; over the same period, Wycombe have dropped only four, Boston six, Maidstone nine, and Barnet and Welling United 10.

Kidderminster's *league form*, has been in sharp contrast to their fortunes in cup competitions. Last week they beat Cardiff City in the quarter-finals of the Welsh Cup and on Monday a crowd of 4,135 saw them win an FA trophy second round replay at Burton Albion.

● Telford United have signed Chris Brindley, a central defender, from Wolverhampton Wanderers, for £8,000.

● Gerry Armstrong, the former Northern Ireland forward, who has resigned from Brighton and Hove Albion, *is* wanted by Vauxhall Opel League Worthing as their new player-manager in succession to Micky Peters, who resigned last week.

● England have named a preliminary squad of 27 for the semi-professional international against Wales at Kidderminster on March 21.

BOXING

Pyatt waits and hopes

Chris Pyatt could get a chance to win the International Boxing Federation (IBF) version of the *world light-middleweight* championship in front of his own Leicester supporters.

Following Pyatt's fourth-round stoppage of Russell Mitchell at Bethnal Green, his manager, Frank Warren, is hoping to match him with the IBF holder, Darren Van Horn, in April. "The fight would be in Leicester, and if I were in Van Horn's camp I'd accept the sort of money I am offering," Warren said.

Pyatt, however, is less confident. He said: "*It is going to be* difficult to get the fight on. I believe I am ready for it, but Van Horn and René Jacquot, the WBC holder, are both new champions and they might not want to risk their titles against me straightaway."

Pyatt is also keen on a rematch against Gianfranco Rosi, who took away his European title two years ago.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

BRACKNELL: Ralliard grand prix: Men's singles: D Hall bt S Baddeley, 15-7, 15-4. Women's singles: F Smith bt G Gowers, 11-3, 11-7. Mixed doubles: A Good and G Clack bt M Dew and G Gilks, 15-8, 11-15, 15-11.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 129, New York Knicks 107; Atlanta Hawks 118, New Jersey Nets 112; Philadelphia 76ers 119, Indiana Pacers 98; Denver Nuggets 117, Washington Bullets 108; Phoenix Suns 135, Seattle SuperSonics 112; *Golden State Warriors 133, San Antonio* Spurs 98.
KORAC CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Wiwa Vismara Cantu (It) 95, Olympia Milan 81; Partizan Belgrade 75, Zadar (Yug) 63.
ROMCHETTI CUP: Semi-final, first leg: CSKA Moscow 103, Tropytos Prioto (It) 75; Iskra Jezica (Yug) 75, Ferraraie Milan 72.

HANG GLIDING

WORLD TEAM CUP: Brazil (after 3 days): Teams: 1, Britain A, 10,203pts; 2, Brazil A, 9,870; 3, United States A, 9,521. Individual: 1, A Silveira (Br), 2,829; 2, J Pendry (GB), 2,782.

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: Super-featherweight (8 rds): Mark Titos (West Ham) bt James Hinds (Plymouth), rsc 1st rnd. Light (4 rds): Terry Collins (Islington) bt Dean Dickinson (Sheffield), pts. Welter (6 rds): Roy Rowland (West Ham) bt Mike Russell (Plymouth), rsc 2nd rnd. Light-middle (10 rds): Chris Pyatt (Leicester) bt Russell Mitchell (US), rsc 4th rnd. Light-middle (6 rds): Terry Vosper (Plymouth) bt Mark White (Bermondsey), pts. Heavy (6 rds): James Oyebola (Paddington) k o Art Terry (US), 5th rnd. Heavy (6 rds): Kelsh Ferdinand (Islington) k o Terry Lewis (Manchester), 4th rnd.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: New South Wales 325 and 5 for no wkt; Western Australia 235. Launceston: Victoria 224 for 4 dec (G Watts 79, J Siddons 59; Tasmania 98 for 3 (G Hughes 59 not out). Adelaide: South Australia 282 and 81 for no wkt; Queensland 164 (J Gaudet 5 for 53).
BENSON AND HEDGES GRANT-HARRISON LINE TROPHY: St John's, Antigua: Barbados 128 for 8 (45 overs); Leeward Islands 132 for 4 (30.5 overs) (L Lawrence 59). Leeward Islands won by 6 wickets.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: European group seven: Portugal 1, Belgium 1.
LITTLEWOODS PAPERS COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Watford 2.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS SHS TROPHY: Durham 2, West Yorkshire 2; Northamptonshire 2, Leicestershire 1; Bedfordshire 3, Cambridgeshire 4; Surrey 2, Middlesex 5.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS MITRE TROPHY: Regional semi-final: Lancashire 0, West Midlands 2.
SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND UNDER-16 CUP: Bedfordshire 2, Cambridgeshire 1; Surrey 3, Middlesex 0.
KNOWLES CUP: Bedfordshire 1, Cambridgeshire 3; Surrey 8, Middlesex 2.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Second round, first leg: Sporting Gijon 3, Real Madrid 5; Racing Santander 0, Barcelona 1.
BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Finals: Bahia 2, Internacional 1.
LIBERTADORES CUP: Racing Club (Arg) 0, Boca Juniors (Arg) 0.
WORLD YOUTH CUP: Group A: Nigeria 2, Saudia Arabia 1.

Late results from Wednesday
B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Stenhousemuir v Montrose.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 0, Everton 0; Leeds 2, Blackburn 1; West Bromwich 0, Huddersfield 0. Second division: Bolton 5, Port Vale 0; Darlington 2, Doncaster 1; Grimsby 1, York 0; Stoke 1, Oldham 1.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Portsmouth 1, Reading 0; Wimbledon 1, Arsenal 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough 1, Bromley 0.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Civil Service 1, Fulham 0; Collier Row 1, Fisher 2.
FEDERATED HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Vpa 4, Fairford 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Premo 2, Mangotsfield 1.
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Cambridge United 0, Colchester 2; Wealdstone 1, Leyton Orient 0; Wokingham 2, Aylesbury 1; Wycombe 1, Southend 4.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: London University 0, South Olympian League 1; FA XI 3, AFA 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Italy Under-21s 1, France Under-21s 0.

GOLF

HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open championship: First round: 67: T Hamilton (US), Sze Ji Wen-sheng (Taiwan), Hsieh Yu-shu (Taiwan), C Endres (US). 68: M McNulty (Zim), B Mogg (US), J-L Lamarre (Can), H Clark (GB), Lai Chung-jen (Taiwan). 70: R Bouchard (Can), S Lindskog (Swe), A Sorenson (Den), Lu Chien-soon (Taiwan), B Cear (US), B Corster (US), Lin Chie-haleng (Taiwan), T Fleming (US), Yu Chin-han (Taiwan), Choi Yoon-soo (S Kor), T Shibata (Japan), H Hamano (Japan), E Kirby (US), D Hepler (US).
KUALA LUMPUR: Woolworths tournament: Second round: 141: N Terazawa (Japan), 71, 70. 144: S Gronberg (Swe), 74, 70. 145: D Hutton (Aus), 74, 72; F Kido (Japan), 71, 75; N Lawton (Aus), 70, 75. 147: M Child (Japan), 73, 74; J Furse (USA), 74, 73; C Dibnah (Aus), 74, 73. 148: K Ishida (Japan), 72, 76; R Ball (Aus), 74, 74.

BOWLS

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Berkshire 160, London and Southern Counties 132.
COUNTY MATCH: Essex 130, Middlesex 105.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Buttermen Indoor League: Old Loughtonians 8, East Grinstead 8; St Albans 8, Fareham 9.
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University Wanderers 1, Oxford University Occasionals 2.
CLUB MATCH: Lincolnshire Poachers 5, Nigel Gadsby's 10 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Read's 4, Merchant Taylors' 1; King's, Gloucester 0, Bloxham 0; King's, Canterbury 1, Eastbourne 0; King's, Canterbury 2, Canterbury HC 0.

ICE HOCKEY

LONDON CUP: Lee Valley Lions 9, Chelmsford Chieftains 2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 5, New Jersey Devils 3; Detroit Red Wings 4, Minnesota North Stars 2; Hartford Whalers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Washington Capitals 4; Calgary Flames 6, Winnipeg Jets 1; Boston Bruins 7, Los Angeles Kings 3.

RACKETS

ETON: Schools match: Eton bt Harrow, 15-10, 17-16, 17-14, 15-10.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Swansea 64, South Glamorgan Institute 6; Cardiff 34, Penarth 7; Glamorgan Wanderers 21, Lydney 4; Pontypridd 15, Neath 34.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Middlesex Clubs 12, Combined London Old Boys 18; British Polytechnics 34, Public School Wanderers 10; Llandovery College 20, Welsh Academicals 58; Ulster 28, Scottish Sabres 23; United Banks 10, Kent 24.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: English professional championship: Third round: D Fowler bt A Meo, 5-3; J Johnson bt D Gilbert, 5-2; W Thorne bt M Clark, 5-1; G Cripsey bt S James, 5-3; J Parrott bt G Miles, 5-3; M Hallett bt P Houlihan, 5-2; A Knowles bt I Williamson, 5-2; D Roe bt B West, 5-4.
ANTRIM: Irish professional championship: Quarter-finals: A Higgins bt P Watchorn, 5-3; E Hughes bt P Kearney, 5-1. Semi-finals: J McLaughlin bt P Browne, 6-3.
NEWCOURT: Welsh professional championship: Quarter-final: T Griffiths bt D Morgan, 6-5.

SWIMMING

GOTHENBURG: World Cup meeting: Men: Freestyle: 400m: 1, T O'Hare (Can), 3min 53.64sec; 5, I Wilson (Eng), 4:02.84. Backstroke: 100m: 1, M Tewkesbury (Can), 57.43sec; 4, G Robins (Eng), 59.01. Butterfly: 100m: T Persing (Can), 54.50. Individual medley: 400m: J Bolmon (Swe), 4min 25.52sec. Women: Freestyle: 800m: 1, C Sossi (It), 8:50.22; 4, K Mellor (Eng), 8:57.09. Breaststroke: 50m: T Boppmhon (Bul), 32.75sec. Individual medley: 200m: A Higson (Can), 2min 18.35sec.

TENNIS

FAIRFAX, Virginia: Virginia Slims tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Daniels bt A Leand, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Z Garrison bt S Sloane, 6-0, 6-3. Second round: L Meskhi (USSR) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-0, 6-2; H Kelesi (Can) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; S Graf (WG) bt C Basuki-Seguso (Can), 6-0, 6-0; N Zvereva (USSR) bt J Ingram, 6-2, 6-4.
MEMPHIS: Grand Prix tournament: Second round (US unless stated): J Arias bt R Seguso, 6-2, 7-6; R Reneberg bt D Goldie, 6-3, 6-3; L Shiras bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; M Pamfors (Swe) bt P Samoras, 6-2, 6-3; J Connors bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 7-5; J Grabb bt A Krickstein, 7-5, 6-3.
LAGOS: United Bank for Africa tournament: K Novacek (Cz) bt B Pitt (Austria), 6-3, 1-0, ret; N Odizor (Nigeria) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; N Gaswell (US) bt M Filgosi (It), 7-5, 6-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division
Swansea v Aldershot .....
Fourth division
Crewe v Wrexham .....
Halifax v Cambridge .....
Stockport v Rochdale .....

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys v Pontypool (7.0); Gloucester v Bath (7.0); Newport v Tredegar (7.0); Northampton v Coventry; Penarth v Maesteg (7.0); Rosslyn Park v London Irish (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Salford v Castleford.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy: Southern semi-final, first leg: Bracknell v Leicester (8.0).
SNOOKER: English championship (Bristol); Scottish championship (Glasgow); Senator Windows Welsh championship (Newport).
TENNIS: Men's challenge (Croydon); Mortgage Corporation League.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: ITV 4-5am (tomorrow): College match: East Tennessee v West Carolina.
ATHLETICS: Eurosport 9-10pm: Maasdowlands international from New Jersey, United States.
BANDY HOCKEY: Eurosport 11-11.30pm: Field hockey on ice from Sweden.
BASKETBALL: Screensport 4.15-5.15pm: World invitation club championship from Crystal Palace.
GOLF: Screensport: 9.40-11.10pm: Hawaiian open: Final day.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.40-9.40pm: National Hockey League: Washington v Calgary.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 10.30-11am: Mobil news. Screensport 3-4.15pm: American Sports Cavalcade. Screensport 5.15-6.15pm: Powersports International.
SKIING: Eurosport 6-7pm: Coverage of World alpine championships from Vail, United States plus interviews, resort reports and the latest equipment. Screensport 7.15-7.40pm: Men's professional skiing from Heavenly Valley, United States.
SNOOKER: Eurosport 1.30-4.30pm: European championship from Deauville, France.
SPEEDWAY: Screensport 8.15-7.15pm: Ice speedway: World team championships: Semi-final from Tampere, Finland.
SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.20-3.50pm: Snooker: European open: Coverage of the final from Deauville, France. Rugby Union: Five nations' championship: Preview of France v Wales and Ireland's v England. Football: Preview of the FA Cup: Fifth round. Racing: Today's results.
SURFING: Eurosport 11-11.30am and 11.30pm-midnight: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.
SWIMMING: Eurosport 10-11pm: World Cup from Bonn.
TENNIS: Eurosport 11.30am-1.30pm and 7-9pm: Nabisco Cup from Perth, West Australia. BBC2 4.30-5pm: Tennis Legends.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

JOHN PRICE RALLYING LONGLEAT STAGES: Known for its safari park and estate, Longleat hosts the first round of the EARS *Motoring News* national tarmac rally championship this weekend. Tarmac rallying provides different conditions than those met on forest tracks and at Longleat the roads are smooth, slippery and narrow. It is a driver's circuit where skill can overcome the lack of power on a twisting course, demonstrated in 1986 when a 1300 Nova finished third.

The two-day event has 130 entries with the four-wheel-drive cars being favoured, though in the smallest class, the competition will just as keen. The national champion, John Price, of Hereford, who also sponsors the rally, has proved his consistency at Longleat but he will be pressed by Sam Nelson, of Calne, also driving a Metro. The fast, light Damiano driven by Geoff Kinsey, of Carmarthen, the runner-up last year, and Mike Pattison, of Macclesfield, can match the Metros but if the conditions are wet, four-wheel-drive rules.

How to get there: Rally Headquarters, Mendip Lodge Hotel, Frome, Somerset (Tel 0373-63223). Longleat is signposted from Frome and Warminster. Admission is £2.50 on Saturday and £4 on Sunday, or £5 for a weekend ticket. Children under-12 admitted free. Rallying starts at 10.30am tomorrow and continues until 5pm. On Sunday, the 9am start concludes with a presentation to the winner in front of Longleat House at 3.30pm.

Championship duo

Steve Jones, winner of the New York Marathon, will compete in the Welsh national cross country championship at Heath Park, Cardiff, on February 25 and Jarrow and Hebburn have entered Steve Cram in their team for the English championship at Nonsuch Park, Cheam, also on Saturday week.

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Sky wins right to televise Tyson v Bruno contest live

By John Goodbody

Sky, the satellite television company, yesterday won its fight for the exclusive live British rights to the world heavyweight boxing championship between Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno.

In a 55-minute judgment in the High Court, Mr Justice Hirst rejected ITV's claims that it was contractually entitled to show the bout in Las Vegas. The contest will be staged at 3am London time on February 26.

Costs worth up to £400,000 after the 4½-day hearing were awarded against ITV, whose legal representatives said that, although they were immediately considering an appeal, it was "highly unlikely" they would do so.

Andrew Neil, the executive chairman of Sky, said: "It seemed to me that the judge ruled in the only way possible. The ITV case was indefensible. They just did not have a leg to stand on.

"On every point that was raised, the judge ruled in our favour and against ITV."

Neil said that the first time Sky had heard of any contract between ITV and Tyson's representatives was after the satellite company had announced its own contract with Bruno.

Neil added that it had been well known in the industry that Sky was involved because it had started discussion with the BBC. "Yet ITV never said a word to us and they chose to keep quiet until after we had done the deal and announced it. It was like a bolt out of the blue to us."

He said that because the case had been "hanging over us" Sky had not been able to promote the fight. Asked if Sky would now be promoting it intensively, he replied "You bet".

In his judgment, Mr Justice Hirst criticized John Bromley and Stuart McConachie, two of ITV's sports executives. He did say that they were doing their best in the witness box to give an accurate account of all the matters to which they referred but he added that "their evidence throughout was tinged with wishful thinking. Mr Bromley, in particular, in his original written statement [which was in the form of an affidavit] unfortunately committed himself to unqualified assertion to which he did not adhere in court".

ITV brought the case believing it had a contract with Bill Cayton, who was then Tyson's manager, and Don King, the American promoter, who was acting as an agent for Cayton and Tyson to screen a package of four world title fights, the last of which was the match against Bruno.

The defendants, who included Sky, the BBC, who will show a film of the bout later on February 26, and Cayton, Bruno himself, Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, Geoffrey Petts, Bruno's agent for British television rights and Jarvis Astaire, the British entrepreneur, denied that any binding agreement was ever entered into.

They also denied that any contract could comprehend the rights of the forthcoming bout in Las Vegas. Although ITV had screened the previous Tyson fight, it failed to convince Mr Justice Hirst that there was an agreement to show the Tyson v Bruno bout.

Bromley had said in evidence that there was discussion with King for a $2 million deal for four fights at Le Riffifi restaurant in London in October 1987 and the figures were written on paper napkins. The judge pointed out: "This conversation is relied on by ITV as part of the contractual nexus but Bromley made it clear in evidence that no concluded agreement was entered at this juncture." A subsequent telex and draft contract were not signed by King.

The opening words of the telex were: "This is to confirm our agreement" but the judge pointed out: "Mr Bromley accepted that the conversation at Le Riffifi was not conclusive since each side had to refer back; the opening words of the November telex, purporting to record an already concluded contract, were therefore inaccurate."

He also rejected the claim that an offer from ITV was accepted "by conduct" because ITV negotiated the fees and details separately for the first three of the four fights, against Larry Holmes and Tony Tubbs and Michael Spinks, all of whom Tyson defeated.

Mr Justice Hirst noted that at a further meeting on August 19, 1988, in New York, Cayton denied that there was any binding contract for a four fight deal and that some of ITV's terms had not been acceptable.

END COLUMN

Llanelli find a twin to follow

By Gerald Davies

Llanelli is soon to be twinned, as a town, with Agen in south-west France; one rugby town joined with another. Llanelli is Wales's premier club, holder of the cup, the only indicator of superiority in the absence of a proper league; Agen, from the heart of France's rugby region, are the French club champions.

It would not be a bad idea if, when the time of inauguration comes around, the two towns should celebrate the fact with a game of rugby. If Llanelli have five players appearing at the Parc des Princes on Saturday, Agen include three: Berbizier, Sella and Erbani. Dubroca, Bérot and Gratton are others who have appeared recently for France.

It would serve Llanelli well if they ignored the attraction such a game would have on their own turf at Stradey Park, and ignored any protestations which may come by way of their treasurer, and agreed to play in France. In that way, they might expand their own horizons. Indeed, it would benefit Welsh rugby as a whole. It is time to swallow a bit of pride and to begin learning from others.

If, in the 1960s and 1970s, when Wales was leading the rugby world in terms of developments in coaching, squad training and organization, and playing in a way which drew visitors from all over the globe, the time is now ripe for Wales to follow.

Players go south; why not coaches?

Players go the southern hemisphere, so why is it that no club coaches, apart from those associated with the national teams, have been to New Zealand to glean what information they can? The game and those attached to it remain too insular. Financial assistance for such trips might come from the Welsh Rugby Union itself, or, indeed, the clubs, or a combination of both. After all, if a large sum of money can be spent on a national squad training weekend in Valencia, Spain, why should it not be spent on sending coaches to New Zealand, the foremost rugby nation in the world?

So Llanelli might learn from Agen. They are towns of roughly similar size with populations of about 40,000. While rugby is important to both, Agen sees that it has a wider role to play.

Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Federation, who comes from Agen, and Guy Basquet, the president of Agen rugby club, whose weekly game of cards in a local bar determines a good deal of what goes on in French rugby, have ensured that their modern club premises can cater for residential courses of all sorts.

A wider sense of responsibility

They see their responsibility as being not only for the present town team but for all those who are likely to follow them in the future. This responsibility caters for the school children of the area and regular courses are held for them at various ages. This policy is so structured that it caters for promising coaches and referees; there are courses for future administrators of the game, too.

They provide a service for all those who might want to take part in rugby throughout the area. No club in Wales interprets its role in quite that broad fashion. To say that the future can look after itself is a blinkered response. The groundwork should be prepared today so that there is a better chance of success tomorrow.

For those who often refer to Albert Ferrasse as a benevolent dictator, the answer to this jibe was promptly given by his friend, collaborator and contemporary as a player, Guy Basquet. "What is wanted in any organization, big or small, is leadership," he said. "That is what Albert Ferrasse has done. Be a leader."

The fruits of that leadership can be seen in the 21 years he has been president of his federation. Llanelli, as a rugby town, has not done too badly, therefore, to be twinned with such a place.

Clough branded 'obstructive' over interview fee

By Chris Moore

Brian Clough was at the centre of a new controversy last night after an attempt to procure a £5,000 fee for a television interview after the the Littlewoods Cup semi-final, first leg, with Bristol City on Wednesday night.

The sum he demanded would have covered exactly the £5,000 he was fined by an FA disciplinary commission last week, when he was also banned from the touchline for the rest of the season, after assaulting supporters who ran onto the pitch at the end of the Nottingham Forest versus Queen's Park Rangers tie in the previous round of the competition.

The request was turned down out of hand by ITV, whose executive producer for football, Jeff Foulser, last night accused Clough of repeated obstructiveness over the course of the season.

"ITV feel we have paid Nottingham Forest enough money this season without being asked ridiculous sums by Brian Clough for an interview," Foulser said.

"The fee we negotiated with the Football League covers all aspects of the game, including being able to talk, within reason, to anyone we want. We have had a good relationship with Clough in the past and it is a shame he is being so obstructive now.

"Apart from the first live match at the City Ground when Forest played Arsenal and Brian Clough's cooperation was excellent, we have had problems with him all season.

"He has repeatedly turn down requests for interviews after mid-week games, and during the live transmission of the Spurs-Forest match, he stopped one of our cameramen from taking shots of the Forest bench from a distance of about 10 yards."

On another occasion, after ITV had asked to interview Franz Carr at the end of a game, Clough sent out a "look-alike." The company accepted it as a joke but were evidently not wholly amused.

It is understood Forest have received £200,000 for the two games they have been involved in that have been televised live this season, in addition to receiving several five-figure fees for the highlights of some of their mid-week matches shown on television.

Although he has not said so publicly, it is felt that Clough holds the television cameras partly responsible for incurring his record fine and touchline ban.

Clough is known to earn a very significant sum outside of club income from other sourses including media fees, commercial advertising and personal appearances.

At the City Ground he has taken advantage of a trackside advertising hoarding to publicize his promotional activities and attract new business.

As a result of this escalating and lucrative sideline, and the gross additional returns it brings, he has described himself as a millionaire.

He is one of very few managers who do not automatically present themselves for press interviews after games. Most of his public observations command a fee.

He does not take the normal day-by-day media telephone calls to answer queries on Forest affairs and rarely makes himself available for unpaid interviews of any kind.

Johnson's doctor gives his version

Toronto (Reuter) – The personal physician to Ben Johnson said in an interview published on Thursday that the disgraced sprinter took a banned steroid on one occasion four months before the Seoul Olympics.

The *Toronto Star* quoted Dr Jamie Astaphan as saying, in a telephone interview from the Caribbean island of St Kitts, that Johnson was depressed last May over a hamstring injury that threatened to end his rivalry with Carl Lewis for the 100 metres gold medal at the Games.

Astaphan said: "He bought Stanozolol or somebody bought it for him in Toronto," but immediately after taking it Johnson suffered "violent muscle spasms. He was immediately brought to me and I nursed him back to top condition."

Astaphan said Johnson was not on Stanozolol when he beat Lewis in a world-record time of 9.79sec in Seoul for the 100 metres gold, a medal taken away from him when he tested positive for Stanozolol.

Astaphan said yesterday: "I must admit that even though I am his personal physician, there's no way I can keep a constant check on him. But it would not make any sense for an athlete to go back on a drug which a few months previously could have ruined him for life."

Johnson has said he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs. Astaphan has denied ever prescribing such drugs for Johnson.

The Johnson scandal prompted Canada to call an inquiry into drug use in amateur sport. Hearings are to resume in Toronto next Wednesday. But Robert Armstrong, the counsel to the investigative commission, said it was: "totally irresponsible that Dr Astaphan made such statements outside of the commission and not under oath where they are available to be tested by cross-examination."

Armstrong said inquiry staff had been trying without success to gain Astaphan's cooperation.

Astaphan also said in the interview he had delivered an ultimatum to the inquiry: that he be the first witness when the inquiry reconvenes and that the government cover all his expenses, including loss of income which he said could total tens of thousands of dollars.

He said if his demands were not met in the next few days he would hold a news conference in St Kitts and tell everything he knows, adding that by doing so he would render the Canadian inquiry meaningless.

CHRIS COLE



Power point: Sapsford finds that strength is not enough to put him in the final at Wallington

Straight-set success takes Bailey to brink of big time

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Chris Bailey, from Norwich, will play Michael Tauson, of Copenhagen, in the singles final of the £14,000 tournament at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Wallington, today. Yesterday Tauson beat Danny Sapsford of Weybridge by 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 and Bailey had a 6-1, 6-2 win over Denys Maasdorp, of South Africa.

Bailey, aged 20, has never before contested a final with so much at stake: £2,778 or £1,389 and either 20 or 15 points to feed into the computed world rankings. Within months he could become Britain's most highly ranked player: and the youngest since Buster Mottram.

Warren Jacques, director of the international squad, said yesterday: "He's certainly shot into contention for a singles place in the European Cup and Davis Cup." Nigel Sears, who has coached Bailey for four years, said the 52-minute win over Maasdorp was the best match he had ever seen Bailey play. "He strung it all together," Sears added.

The burly and genial Maasdorp, who was a late recruit to the circuit after two years of mandatory Army service, is no great player – but he is better than Bailey allowed him to look. Bailey was overpowering. He hit hard, to a full length, and his timing and touch were admirable. He tried everything – and everything worked.

The other match lasted two hours and 12 minutes but, when Tauson was at his best, often presented a similar spectacle. Sapsford, aged 19, was conceding seven inches and almost two stone. He could never match Tauson's weight of shot but surpassed him in terms of consistent diligence.

The match lasted as long as it did because Tauson's concentration and ball control were fickle and because the nimble Sapsford was an unflinching competitor who banked all the hard-earned (and sometimes unearned) income and gave nothing in return.

The final should be brisk. Bailey, 6ft 5in, is half an inch taller than Tauson and half a stone heavier. Each gives the ball an uncommonly firm nudge. The rallies are unlikely to be prolonged.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: M Tauson (Den) bt D Sapsford (Surrey), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; C Bailey (Norfolk) bt D Maasdorp (SA), 6-1, 6-2. Doubles semi-finals: R Barlow (Aus) and V Jansson (Swe) bt B-O Pedersen (Swe) and J Russell (US), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5. M DePalmer (US) and B Talbot (SA) bt F Errard (Fra) and S Grenier (Fr), 6-2, 6-2.

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Gould threatens to fine team unless discipline improves

By Clive White

Bobby Gould is to consider the unprecedented action of fining the entire Wimbledon team if disciplinary standards decline any further.

Under pressure to improve the team's image, he told the Sports Writers' Association yesterday: "We might have to hit the team if discipline gets out of hand. The buck has to stop with the players on the pitch. There's a limit to what we [the management] can do sitting on the bench."

Attention has again focused sharply on Wimbledon's disciplinary record following the recent dismissals of Eric Young and Vinny Jones. But Gould was at pains to point out that the club is running at a rate of four disciplinary points a game and should that level be maintained or improved it would not be required to appear before the Football Association. Only clubs averaging five points or more have to answer to a disciplinary committee.

Gould said that he had discussed with the coaching staff the possibility of fining the team if just one player transgresses and would raise it with the players. "It's an interesting idea," he said. But Gould baulked at any suggestion that clubs should be penalized league points for misbehaviour. All he would say was that "that would have to be clarified with the FA at the beginning of the season".

He denied that he had had to persuade Don Howe, the Wimbledon and England coach, to stay at Plough Lane following the recent bad publicity. "He's a very passionate man. If things are not right he will tell them," he said.

Gould defended the footballing qualities of the much maligned Jones, sent off twice this season for violent conduct. "He's a good player still learning his trade. He's very raw and enthusiastic. In training he's a tremendous leader among players. With a little more ability and and commonsense he can become a fine player."

Jordan faces hard task

By Clive White

Once the celebrations had subsided following Bristol City's magnificent achievement in holding Nottingham Forest to a 1-1 draw at the City Ground on Wednesday evening, it will have dawned upon Joe Jordan and his men that they still have a mountain to climb before reaching the final of the Littlewoods Cup.

Had they held on to their lead for the remaining five minutes, they would still have had a steep gradient to negotiate in the return leg of this semi-final at Ashton Gate on February 26.

It seems unlikely that Nigel Clough, the Nottingham Forest player, will face any repercussions from the FA after he restrained a Bristol City supporter who ran on to the pitch to celebrate Paul Mardon's 65th-minute goal.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

England resolve their final fitness doubts

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Chris Oti, of Wasps, confirmed his place in the England team to play Ireland in the five nations' championship at Lansdowne Road tomorrow when he took a full part in training at Twickenham yesterday. The wing, who twisted a knee playing against Aspatria last weekend, worked out with the other 20 match squad members before departure in the afternoon for Dublin.

Brian Moore, the Nottingham hooker who was troubled last weekend by a foot injury, also completed training without difficulty. Roger Uttley, the coach, directed training, which included a proportion of blind-side moves, doubtless designed to make life awkward for the new Ireland wing, Paul Haycock.

Will Carling, the England captain, said. "We have learned from our game against Scotland and we hope to improve, in communication and in tactical awareness."

● Serge Blanco and members of the French threequarter line preparing for the match with Wales in Paris have been hit by a mild attack of influenza. Their team doctor has told them he can do nothing, because of the compulsory post-match drug tests.

● The draw for first round of the Allied Irish Banks Ulster Senior Cup on March 11 is:

Ballyclare v Bangor, Dungannon v Ballynahinch, Ards v CIYMS, Academy v Queen's University, City of Derry v Collegians, Ballymena v Armagh, Malone (holders) v North of Ireland.

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Australian SA plan

An Australian rugby union team is prepared to play in South Africa, in breach of an international anti-apartheid boycott for the sport, if the International Rugby Board bans a five nations' tour of the country this year.

According to sources in Australia, plans for the tour are complete, and would be put into immediate action if the IRB vetoed the tour, by France, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Warren action

Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, has won a High Court action against Luton Town, after the club retained part of a fee following the Barry McGuigan world title eliminator against Tomas Da Cruz at the club's ground.



McLoughlin: leads Peugeot

Rider returns

Joey McLoughlin, the 1986 Milk Race winner who failed to finish last year because of injury, will lead the French Z-Peugeot team in this summer's event.

Event launch

A £25,000 UK amateur snooker championship has been launched by the tobacco company, Rothmans.

Branching out

Pascoe Nally International, the worldwide sponsorship business, is branching out into television sport with the setting up of Grand Slam Sports Ltd. The firm already has a projected 100 hours of air time with 32 sports.

BBC's ban

Pontypridd have temporarily banned the BBC from filming at Sardis Road, claiming the coverage of the club's controversial Schweppes Cup tie against Llanelli was "unbalanced".

Milne injury

Iain Milne, the Scotland tight head prop, will miss the remainder of the five nations' championship. The Heriot's FP forward who has been capped 42 times by Scotland withdrew from the Scotland team only two days before the Calcutta Cup match following an ankle ligament injury.

Soviet players profit by moments of glory

From Richard Evans, Milan

The Soviet Tennis Federation is richer to the tune of $21,374 (£12,200) today as a result of the exploits of two of its members, Aleksandr Volkov and Andrei Cherkasov, at the Stella Artois indoor tournament. Both scored excellent victories that took them into the quarter-finals of this Super Series Grand Prix event, where the winner will collect $75,000.

Volkov upset the No. 4 seed, Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, 7-6, 7-5, and Cherkasov, surviving two set points in the first set tie-break, went on to squeak past Wally Masur, of Australia, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6.

For these achievements, every other player on the tour, including the East Europeans, would be rewarded at the rate of $10,687 each. But Volkov and Cherkasov, even if they go on to the semi-finals or beyond, will receive only nominal expenses.

"They get about $1,000 a week, out of which they have to pay all their local transport and incidental expenses," said Cino Marchese, the Italian head of the International Management Group, which has taken over as marketing agents for the Soviet federation. "The players are all great guys and we would like to help them but that is not our brief."

Yannick Noah, the title holder, concentrating poorly and double faulting at the end of both tie-breaks, went down 7-6, 7-6 to Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia.

SECOND ROUND: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-6, 5-7, 7-6; A Volkov (USSR) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-6, 7-5; T Cano (It) bt O Camporese (It), 6-4, 6-3; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt Y Noah (Fr), 7-6, 7-6.

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